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To all members, friends, and acquaintances — A Happy New Year!

New Year Honours

It gave us great pleasure that the names of Sir Henry Tizard, Capt. R. L. Sheppard, and Dr. R. E. Priestley figured in the New Year Honours List. We offer our congratulations.

Sir Henry Tizard and Capt. Sheppard have both been associated with Aslib for many years and Dr. Priestley took the first chair at the Ashorne Hill Conference, 1948.

The Newcastle Conference

A very successful one-day conference of the Northern Branch of Aslib was held at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the 7th of December 1948, organised by a local committee under the energetic chairmanship of Mr. E. Austin Hinton, City Librarian. The conference was opened by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, Alderman T. McCutcheon, J.P., who afterwards entertained a number of the delegates to luncheon at the Mansion House. Mr. R. Trevor Jenkins, Technical Manager of Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd., kindly took the Chair throughout the day, and it was through the good offices of Mr. P. H. Muirhead, General Manager of the same firm, that Mr. Cahill-Byrne, of their Central Technical Library and Technical Information Bureau, was able, as Hon. Secretary, to devote himself to the work of preparation.

The morning session started with a very interesting paper on 'Intelligence—some fundamental principles' by Dr. V. E. Parke, Intelligence Officer of I.C.I. Ltd., Billingham Division. This was followed by a contribution from Mr. Austin Hinton on 'Industrial, technical and commercial information—the contribution of the public library', in which he made plain, how much the Newcastle City Library set out to serve local industrial and commercial interests in spite of over-crowded premises and other difficulties. After lunch came a symposium on information service, comprising the following papers: 'The contribution of the university', by Mr. R. O. MacKenna, Librarian of King's College, Durham University; 'The professional society's contribution', by Mr. T. S. Nicol, Secretary of the North East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders; and 'Inter-library co-operation—the regional library bureau', by Miss J. Scurfield, Editor and Assistant Secretary of the Northern Regional Library Bureau. Discussion after each of these papers was lively and a good indication of the local interest in the potentialities of intelligence services in industry. Between sessions much interest was shown in the display of reference material and other information aids on loan through the courtesy of the Newcastle Central Library and Messrs. Vickers-Armstrongs Ltd.

Tea was served in the library of the North of England Institute of Mining and Mechanical Engineers and was immediately followed by a brief contribution from Mr. R. Brightman, Librarian of I.C.I. Ltd., Dyestuffs Division, Manchester, and Chairman of the Northern Branch of Aslib, who explained how the Branch came to be formed and outlined the scope of its activities. The conference concluded with a talk by Miss E. M. R. Ditmas, Director of Aslib, on the work of the Association as a whole. The proceedings, which had opened at 10 a.m., did not close till 6 p.m., when the hall was required for another function and had to be cleared.

Over ninety delegates and guests attended, quite a large number of whom were non-members of Aslib. Mr. C. Le Maistre, Chairman of the Aslib Council and President of the International Federation for Documentation, was present, together with several other members of Aslib's Council and Committees.

Much credit for the success of the conference must go to Mr. Cahill-Byrne and the local organizing committee, members of which, moreover, added to their labours by contributing most of the papers. It was evident throughout that in Newcastle there is an enviable spirit of co-operation between all branches of library service and appreciation of its value to industry and commerce. Altogether it was a most encouraging occasion.

Study Courses for the Information Officer

The Aslib Education Committee has been giving much thought to the aid that can be given to the information officer, quite independently of the controversial question of a paper qualification. For 1949 it will recommend the following two courses to the Aslib Council:

(1) A week's Study Course for *Juniors*, possibly in the last week of April. The general organization of the course would follow last year's pattern, with library visits in the morning and talks and opportunities for discussion in the afternoon and early evening, but the theme of the talks throughout the course would be the handling of an enquiry from the time it is received to its answer and recording for future use.

(2) A course of ten lectures on special aspects of information work, designed for those who have already had some experience in special libraries or information bureaux. The lectures would be given in pairs, on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings at fortnightly intervals, between mid-May and July. A full prospectus would be provided. (*continued over*)

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If the Aslib Council approve these recommendations, dates and other particulars will be published in the February issue of *Aslib Information.*

The Uses of Punched Cards

In the January 1948 issue of *Aslib Information* we reported the formation of the *Committee on the mechanized distribution of information,* set up as a result of the July 1947 conference on the *Uses of mechanization in library and technical information work.* The Committee has met at frequent intervals and it contributed a paper on the subject to the Royal Society's Scientific Information Conference in June 1948. The potential value of the Committee as a centre of information on developments in the technique of using mechanization in library and intelligence work was fully recognized and two of the final recommendations of the Royal Society's Conference read as follows:

> 13.2. *Aslib Committee.*—Every encouragement should be given to the Aslib Committee on Mechanized Distribution of Information to continue its valuable work.
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> 13.3. *Experience in mechanized indexing.*—Organizations engaged in experiments on the use of mechanical methods should be invited to keep the Aslib Committee informed on their progress, and inventors of new apparatus are invited to consult the committee on the needs of documentation users.

It is very much hoped that any member of Aslib who is experimenting in the use of punched cards or other forms of mechanization for information work, or who knows of some such experiment elsewhere, will notify the Committee, the secretariat of which is still provided by Aslib. References to articles on punched cards or to problems of classification and coding connected with their use are also welcome, particularly when they occur in non-library periodicals. These references will be included in the *Recent Papers* section of *Aslib Information* and will supplement the 'Bibliography on the uses of punched cards' published in the *Journal of Documentation,* Vol. 3, No. 4, March 1948.

Aslib Meetings

Members are reminded that the next meetings organized by Aslib will be held on Wednesday, 16th February 1949, at 2.30 p.m., on 'Microphotography from the users' point of view' and on Wednesday, 23rd March 1949, at 5 p.m., on 'Methods of grouping specialist library services'. Please note the change in the time of the second meeting. As before, by courtesy of the Institution of Electrical Engineers, the meetings will be held in the Lecture Theatre of the Institution at Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2. Tea will be served at 4.30 p.m.

The February meeting will be particularly concerned with developments of microfilm and microfilm viewers in Great Britain and the Continent. Speakers will include Mr. H. Wilson, of the Central Medical Library Bureau, Royal Society of Medicine; Mrs. L. Moholy, F.R.P.S., and Mr. H. R. Verry, of the Treasury, O & M Division.

Review of Documentation

COPIES of the *Review of Documentation,* published by the International Federation for Documentation, Vol. 14, No. 3, 1947, have now reached the British National Committee on Documentation. Will those who have already paid for this volume but who have not yet received this number, please notify the Acting-Secretary to the Committee, Miss E. M. R. Ditmas, at Aslib, 52 Bloomsbury Street, London, W.C.1.

Copies of Vol. 15, Nos. 1–4, 1948, of the *Review* have also arrived and can be sent to those who send their orders to the British National Committee. The price for the four issues for 1948 is 34*s.* post free. Those individuals or organizations which are already contributing to the support of the British National Committee on Documentation will, of course, receive them free of charge.

NOTES

Council for the Promotion of Field Studies

Those who are concerned with field work in geography, geology, the biological sciences, or art and rural studies generally, may be interested to know that particulars of accommodation and facilities available at the four Field Centres of the Council for the Promotion of Field Studies have now been issued for 1949. They can be obtained from the Council at 10 Exhibition Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7. The centres are at Dale Fort, Haverfordwest. (Marine biology, coastal and island bird life); Juniper Hall, near Dorking, Surrey (Wealden geology and geography, ecology of chalk downland, sandy heaths and southern woodlands); Flatford Mill, Essex (estuarine and river conditions, bird life, both inland and maritime, outdoor painting and sketching); and Malham Tarn, near Settle, Yorks (high altitude limestone areas, moorland and bog; biology of the 150-acre tarn).

War-time issues of German Periodicals

Many librarians will be glad to know that a list of the final issues of German journals published before the collapse of the Third Reich has been published as a supplementary issue of the *Stechert-Hafner Book News,* 31 East 10th Street, New York, 3. There is wide variation in the dates when these publications came to an end, e.g. *Pflanzerforschung* ceased to appear after 1941, whereas *Senckenbergiana* continued till 1945. The information is given alphabetically under broad subject headings and should be a considerable help to those who are uncertain whether their holdings of war-time issues of these journals are, in fact, complete.

Laboratory Library Project

The Laboratory Library Project of the University of Illinois is now being directed by Dr. Herbert Goldhor. This project is the first of its kind in library education and is an adaptation of the experimental or laboratory school as developed by the graduate schools of education. By arrangements with the Trustees of the Urbana (Illinois) Free Library, that library is to be used as a laboratory wherein may be tested under realistic situations many of the assumptions now accepted in library service, where new mechanical devices and other equipment may be experimentally tried and their use analyzed and where new library services may be developed and studied.

Mexican Government Information

A useful publication, giving full details of Mexican Government departments and their functions, has recently come to our notice. This is the *Directorio del Gobierno Federal de los Estados Unidos Mexicanos* 1947, published by the Secretaria de Bienes Nacionales e Inspeccion Administrativa, Mexico, at $5.00. Of the 536 pages, 108 are devoted to a subject index alphabetically under the departments which includes the names and addresses of the Civil Servants concerned and a list of the organizations connected with each.

FIAT Reviews

In addition to those listed in the November issue of this periodical the following titles may now be borrowed from the Aslib library:

KLAUS CLUSIUS: Physical Chemistry; RATJE MÜGGE: Meteorology and Physics of the atmosphere; WILHELM KLEMM: Analytical chemistry of inorganic substances; MAX HANSEN: General metallurgy; GEORG SCHALTENBRAND: Neurology (Parts II and III); BORIS RAJEWSKY AND MICHAEL SCHÖN: Bioyhysics (Part I); GEORG JOOS: Physics of Solids (Part II); FRITZ EICHHOLTZ: Pharmacology and Toxicology (Part I).

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The International Library Committee. *Library Association Record*, 50, No. 10, Oct. 1948, pp. 259–63. Speeches at the plenary meeting of the International Library Committee, 20 September, 1948.

Now is yesterday's to-morrow. IRENE M. STRIEBY. *Special Libraries*, 39, No. 8, Oct. 1948, pp. 255–61. Presidential address at the 39th annual convention of the Special Libraries Association, Washington, June 1948.

Structure and interrelations of S.L.A. groups. RUTH SAVORD. *Special Libraries*, 39, No. 7, Sept. 1948, pp. 218–25.

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Our four-year goals; contributions of college, university, and reference libraries. WILLIAM H. CARLSON. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 291–4,298.

Library responsibilities of independent India. S. R. RANGANATHAN. *Indian Librarian*, 3, No. 1, June 1948, pp. 1–7.

Towards the all-inclusive library. PAUL G. CHANCELLOR. *A.L.A. Bulletin*, 42, No. 10, 1 Oct. 1948, pp. 384–6.

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Libraries and social education. S. N. SANG. *Indian Librarian*, 3, No. 1, June 1948, pp. 8–12.

Shafts from Apollo's bow, No. 22. The Research Magnificent. *Apollo*, 48, No. 285, Nov. 1948, p. 102. Notes on the difficulties of locating information on art subjects.

Needed reference services for American agriculture. JOHN H. MORIARTY. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 318–22.

Library service to technical agriculturists. LOUISE O. BERCAW. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 323–6, 331.

The position-classification plan for university libraries. R. PAUL BARTOLINI. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 343–6, 361.

Unesco-IFLA International Summer School for Librarians, August 31 to September 28, 1948. WILLIAM B. PATON. *Library Association Record*, 50, No. 10, Oct. 1948, pp. 264–7.

Industry needs an economic intelligence service. DR. JOHN BAXTER. *The Director*, 1, No. 3, April 1948, pp. 15–8. (Held in I.C.I. Head Office).

Letting the staff know. MARGARET MCQUEEN. *The Director*, 1, No. 3, April 1948, pp. 33–6.

Scientific research and man-power. (Leading article). *Nature*, 162, No. 4123, 6 Nov. 1948, pp. 711–3.

The Medical Research Council. Its origin, constitution and functions. F. H. K. GREEN. *British Medical Bulletin*, 5, No. 4–5, 1948, pp. 352–6.

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University of Oregon's audio-visual service. RAYNARD C. SWANK. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 299–307, 310.

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The Society of Young Publishers. KINGSLEY FOSTER. *Bookseller*, No. 2237, 6 Nov. 1948, pp. 966–8.

New periodicals of 1948—Part I. EDNA MAE BROWN. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 334–8.

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Non-book materials in a teachers' college library. MARION B. GRADY. *College and Research Libraries*, 9, No. 4, Oct. 1948, pp. 311–5, 322.

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Use of punched cards for indexing and classifying biochemical literature. STANLEY R. AMES and WILMA F. KUJAWSKI. *Special Libraries*, 39, No. 7, Sept. 1948, pp. 233–8.

Modern office research. J. W. E. BENNISON. *Office Control and Management*, 1, No. 17, Sept. 1948, pp. 260–2, 264.

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New Members

Since the list published in the November issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

Murray, Roger C. (Farnborough)

Nicholas, N., B.Sc., F.R.Ae.S.

Pritchard, Miss M. M. (London)

Radt, Dr. F. (Amsterdam)

Velzi, Professor R. J. (Buenos Aires)

Whale, D. R. C. (Birmingham)

British Transport Commission (The Library) (London)	Mrs. G. M. Bamford
Forestry Commission Research Station (Farnham)	G. D. Kitchingman
Hertfordshire County Library (Hertford)	Miss M. F. Austin, F.L.A.
Nuffield College (Oxford)	Miss O. B. Bertie
Queensland Institute of Medical Research	Mrs. M. MacGregor

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RICHARDSON, COLIN. Catalogue of books on bibliography, typography and ancillary subjects. Benington, Boston, Lincs.: The Company, 1948. pp. 48. (Catalogue 51.)

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SWINDON: LIBRARIES, MUSEUMS, ARTS AND MUSIC COMMITTEE. A catalogue of the books in the Richard Jefferies collection of the Swindon public libraries. Swindon, The Committee, 1948. pp. 16, illus.

SYMONDS, R. W. English furniture. Published for the National Book League by Cambridge University Press, 1948. pp. 20. (A readers' guide.) 1s.

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POWER TRANSMISSION TRADE NAMES INDEX AND DIRECTORY, 1943–50. Trade and Technical Press Ltd., 1948 pp. 312. 6s.

WASTE TRADES MANUAL AND DIRECTORY; THE ONLY DIRECTORY AND YEAR-BOOK OF THE WORLD'S WASTE MATERIAL TRADE AND RECLAMATION INDUSTRY. Edited by Gordon Hughes. British Continental Trade Press, 1948. pp. 346. 20s.

Ernest William Heffer

It is with deep regret that we have just received the news of the death, at the age of 76, of Mr. Ernest William Heffer, of Cambridge. Mr. Heffer was, perhaps, the best-known bookseller in England.

Changes of Name, Address, and Aslib Representative

Encyclopædia Britannica Inc.: now Encyclopædia Britannica Ltd., Mr. A. J. Kennard succeeds Mr. A. M. Ashery.

Compagnie Générale de Telegraphie Sans Fil: now at 23 rue du Maroc, Paris xixe., France.

Sutcliffe, Speakman & Co., Ltd.: Mr. F. A. Hamilton succeeds Mrs. J. Cherry.

'F' Division (D.S.I.R.): now Fire Offices Committee (D.S.I.R.), Joint Fire Research Organization, Fire Testing Station, Boreham Wood, Herts.

Conservative Central Office: now Conservative Central Office, Research Dept., 24 Old Queen Street, S.W.1.

N. V. Polak & Schwarz's Essencefabrieken, Hilversum: Mr. J. H. Krijger succeeds Mr. J. v. d. Heuvel.

Ministry of Town & Country Planning (London): Mr. W. Pearson succeeds Miss A. E. Walker.

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 and 50 inclusive, or a woman between the ages of 18 and 40 inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order, 1947, or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.

Periodicals Required

Nature, Vol. 161, April 3rd, No. 4092; *Jnl. of the I.E.E.*, Vol. 93,111A, No. 5. Write, Librarian, A. C. Cossor, Highbury Grove, N.5.

Periodicals for Sale

Cloth bound gold lettered vols. of the following for disposal: *British Chemical Abstracts*, 1926–30 (Inc.); *Chemical Abstracts*, 1920–30 (Inc.); *Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry*, 1920–30 (Inc.); *Journal of the Society of Dyers and Colourists*, 1919–30 (Inc.); *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry*, 1914–27 (Inc.); 1929–30 (Inc.); *Journal of the Society of Chemical Industry—Reviews*, 1918–30 (Inc.). Offers to Chief Chemist, Laboratory, Waterlow & Sons Ltd., 32 Paul Street, E.C.2.

Situations Vacant

About May 1949: Young man or woman, age 19–25 as assistant to Technical Director (Office side only) and to take charge of a small technical library. Knowledge of chemistry and familiarity with the handling of technical literature essential, also ability to abstract data and compile technical sales literature covering the fields of coating compositions, surface active agents, lubricants, rubber, leather, cosmetics and pharmacy, etc. Reply: Technical Director, Croda Ltd., Snaith, Yorks.

Applications are invited for position in Technical Information Section in research laboratories of large Petroleum Company in the North West. Applicants, of either sex, should have a degree in engineering or chemistry. Ability to translate and abstract technical journals in German or French required. Work will include classification of scientific articles, and some library experience would be an advantage. Pension fund rights. Salary up to £550, according to qualifications. Please supply details regarding age, experience and qualifications, also when available, to Box P.W., 329, Deacons Advertising, 36, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

Technical Librarian.—Young woman graduate required to take charge library and records Research Department. Experience technical translations desirable, particularly French and German. Applications should be addressed to the Chief Personnel Officer, Pilkington Brothers Limited, St. Helens, Lancashire.

The British Cotton Industry Research Association require abstractors for their Library and Information Bureau to deal with technical and scientific literature relating to textiles. Scientific qualifications should not be less than Inter. B.Sc. standard. Previous experience of abstracting and knowledge of French and/or German an advantage. Starting salary according to qualifications, but not less than £250 per annum. Applications to Director, Shirley Institute, Didsbury, Manchester.

Library Assistant, man or woman up to 25 years of age, required. A.L.A., with knowledge of science and/or modern languages preferred. Starting salary will be according to age and experience, but will not be below the Local Authority General Division Scale. Apply to Staff Manager, I.C.I. Ltd., Billingham, Co. Durham.

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CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Vice-Presidents

We are very happy to be able to announce that Sir John Forsdyke, Professor R. S. Hutton, Sir Harry Lindsay and Sir Henry Tizard have honoured us by accepting the Council's invitation to become our first four Vice-Presidents under the new Constitution. The appointment will take effect from the first General Meeting, which is now expected to take place early in the summer.

All four will already be well known to the majority of Aslib members, as Sir John Forsdyke is Director of the British Museum, Professor Hutton is Emeritus Professor of Metallurgy at Cambridge University and a founder-member and past-president of Aslib, Sir Harry Lindsay is Director of the Imperial Institute and also one of our past-presidents, and Sir Henry Tizard, another past-president, presided over the British Association in 1948 and is at present Chairman of the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy. Such distinguished encouragement augurs well for Aslib's future.

The next Aslib Council

The new Constitution will require the British ordinary members of Aslib to elect a new Council which may consist of not fewer than 12 and not more than 36 ordinary elected members. In addition the Honorary Officers are *ex officio* members and the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research may nominate up to three representatives.

On the 27th of January the present Council, which must retire at the time of the first General Meeting under the new Constitution, decided to recommend that meeting to appoint a first new Council of not more than 30 members for the time being. The preparations for the election of the new Council will, therefore, be based on the assumption that this recommendation is likely to be acceptable. Members of the old Council will be eligible for election on equal terms with new nominations, who must be British members of the Association or representatives of British corporate members. Representatives of Government departments are not eligible, unless they are personally members of Aslib.

Unfortunately the exact date of this first General Meeting cannot be fixed until the new Memorandum and Articles of Association, which we have called more simply the Constitution, have been finally passed by the Board of Trade. They have passed, however, the clauses dealing with elections, and so we intend to push on with the preparations for them. In due course, therefore, every British member will be receiving a list of the Council's own nominations for 20 of the 30 seats. Then, in the words of the Constitution, "Not later than 21 days after the issue of the Council's list of nominations any 4 members of the Association may nominate any other duly qualified member to fill any vacancy in the office of elected member of Council by delivering such nomination in writing to the Director together with the written consent of such person to accept office if elected, but each such nominator shall be debarred from nominating any other person for the same election".

Then "not later than 21 days before the . . . General Meeting . . . the Council shall send to each member of the Association entitled to vote a ballot paper containing the names of all persons duly nominated . . ."

These ballot papers will be scrutinized at the General Meeting and the results announced there.

The Annual Conference

In response to many requests we are returning to Ashorne Hill, on the 9th to the 12th of September, for the 1949 Annual Conference. The Conference Committee considered many other towns and centres, but none were available which compared in any way favourably with the accommodation and charges of Ashorne Hill, and so there were few second thoughts about yielding to the popular demand for a return visit. Bristol University, where we had thought of going, was unable to have us this year but hopes to welcome us in 1950.

The theme of the Conference is expected to be "Tricks of the Trade" and it is hoped to supplement the papers with displays and demonstrations wherever possible. The earlier date is an experiment, and should make the amenities of the house, gardens and surrounding countryside even more attractive. We hope that charges will be only a few shillings higher if, in fact, it is considered necessary to raise them at all.

Much fuller details of the arrangements, charges and papers will be given in this bulletin as soon as possible. Extra accommodation will be available again in Leamington Spa, however, and every effort will be made to provide greater accommodation than last year to cope with the demand. In the meantime we will accept bookings from members who are quite certain, barring catastrophe, that they will be coming. Married accommodation, as last year, will only be available in Leamington Spa, and it would be of the greatest assistance to us if members who wish to use this facility could tell us as soon as possible.

An Aslib Conference in Scotland

A group of enterprising members of Aslib in Scotland are working hard to organize a one-day conference in Edinburgh on Friday, 6th May, 1949. Full details are yet to come but we understand that Dr. Sharp, University of Edinburgh Librarian and this year's President of the Scottish Library Association, will be one of the speakers. The theme of the conference, in broad outline, will be information and library services in Scotland. We wish all success to the organizing committee and to their energetic Hon. Secretary, Mrs. Margaret Spence of the Scottish Seaweed Research Association, Inveresk Gate, Musselburgh, Midlothian, Scotland.

Aslib Training Courses

The Aslib Council has accepted the recommendations of the Education Committee for training courses in 1949 as outlined in the January issue of *Aslib Information*. It is hoped that the first of these, a week's Study Course for those who are new-comers to information work, will be held in London, on April 26–29th; details of time, place and fees will be circulated to members as soon as the necessary negotiations can be completed. In the meantime we are happy to be able to say that the talks will be given by Mr. C. W. Hanson, B.Sc., information officer of the British Scientific Instrument Research Association, assisted by the librarian of the same organization, Miss J. Fulford, A.L.A. Thus the theme, which is the handling of an enquiry from the time it is received to its answer and recording for future use, will be dealt with by two experts who have had first-hand experience of the integration of the functions of information officer and special librarian, which should be particularly helpful.

The Union Catalogue of Music

We are able to report that work on the Union Catalogue of Music is getting into its stride. The purpose of the Catalogue, the project for which was first ventilated in 1945, is to bring together in a single compilation all the great wealth of old music—i.e., works published in any country before 1800—now stored in libraries throughout the British Isles. The scheme became reality in 1947 through a generous gift made by the late Mr. Gerald Cooper. Dr. O. E. Deutsch has taken on the editorship, and the destinies of the work are guided by a small council of which the Rev. E. H. Fellowes is chairman. More than 100 libraries are being covered, and it is hoped that the work of compilation and editing will be completed by 1952. The total number of entries will be about 45,000. The ultimate form of publication has yet to be decided, but it will probably be on a subscription basis to satisfy the wide and growing need for this work.

For the Specialist

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This second Aslib GUIDE TO SOURCES OF INFORMATION IN GREAT BRITAIN covers a wider field, and is therefore considerably larger, than the prototype Guide No. 1 THE PAPER INDUSTRY. There are over 250 entries relating to libraries and organizations, and descriptions of a similar number of relevant periodicals. This series is unusually well produced, and carefully designed to constitute eventually the new edition of the ASLIB DIRECTORY so often requested by members, and recommended by the Royal Society Scientific Information Conference, 1948. AGRICULTURE AND ALLIED INTERESTS is in three sections dealing with relevant national libraries and loan services, organizations in Great Britain which are the main sources of agricultural and related information, and publications. In addition there is a subject index to the libraries and other organizations and another to the publications. An appendix showing the first hundred sub-divisions of the Dewey and Universal Decimal Classifications will be found inside the back cover.

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Northern Branch Meeting

The next Northern Branch Meeting will be at Bolton on 4th March, when Mr. W. A. Silvester will speak on classification.

D.S.I.R. move

On Monday, the 17th of January, the Intelligence Division of the Headquarters Administration moved into new offices at Rex House, 4–12 Regent Street, S.W.1. Rex House is in the lower part of Regent Street between Piccadilly Circus and Waterloo Place. Their new 'phone number is Whitehall 9788 and telegraphic address: Resciendus, Piccy, London.

Harraps and Dewey

In view of our recent paragraph about publishers and classification, Messrs. Harraps would like it known that they are printing the Dewey number on their general books after consultation with Australia House.

German Chemical Industry

The following is an extract from *Chemistry and Industry* of the 22nd January, 1949, page 50:

By a co-operative arrangement between the Association of British Chemical Manufacturers and the Board of Trade, work has been proceeding for some considerable time at the Technical Information and Documents Unit of the Board of Trade on the production of a card index of the information contained in the reports published under the auspices of the Combined Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee, the British Intelligence Objectives Sub-Committee and the Field Intelligence Administration Technical (CIOS, BIOS and FIAT) as a result of visits to German industry by technical teams.

In 1949, H.M. Stationery Office is prepared to arrange for the reproduction of the index in purchasable form, provided a guarantee can be given that a substantial number of copies will be purchased by industry and other concerns and individuals interested. The index will be published in alphabetical form as regards products, in seven volumes, at a price of £5 5*s*. for the set.

The work of indexing the large mass of captured German documents is still proceeding and a supplementary index covering these will, in all probability, be published at a later date.

The Association of British Chemical Manufacturers, 166 Piccadilly, London, W.1, is compiling a list of concerns who will wish to purchase copies, with a view to guaranteeing that the necessary number of copies will be bought. Anyone interested in purchasing the index when published is therefore invited to inform the Association (Intelligence Officer) at the above address. The Card Index may be seen at the Technical Information and Documents Unit, Board of Trade, German Division, 40 Cadogan Square, London, S.W.1.

Fourth World Power Conference

The Fourth World Power Conference will be held in London on July 10th–15th, 1950, the theme being World Energy Resources and the Production of Power. After the closing session it is expected that most of the members of the conference will participate in study tours of about a week's duration. Sir Harold Hartley, K.C.V.O., C.B.E., F.R.S., has accepted appointment as Chairman of both the conference and the organizing committee. Mr. C. H. Gray, secretary of the International Executive Council of the World Power Conference has been appointed general secretary of the fourth conference. The technical programme of the fourth conference has just been published, and copies may be obtained on application to Mr. Gray at 201–2 Grand Buildings, Trafalgar Square, London, W.C.2. (Telephone WHItehall 3966).

It is interesting to note that the Executive Board of Unesco recently decided to confer consultative status on the World Power Conference. The Conference has enjoyed consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations since 1947. Now Unesco has made a generous grant towards the statistical work carried out by the World Power Conference.

Official Colonial publications

Keeping track of official publications has always been a difficult part of the librarian's job. Many are therefore likely to welcome the *Monthly List of Official Colonial Publications* (mimeographed) which has been issued by the Colonial Office since June, 1948. The service was started as an experiment but has proved sufficiently popular to justify wider publicity.

The *List* is in two parts, Part I covering general items, Part II listing the Government Gazettes. The list does not claim to be exhaustive as it comprises only those publications which have been received by the Colonial Office; the documents themselves can be consulted there for reference purposes but purchase must be through the ordinary channels. A specimen copy of the *List* will be sent on application to the Reference Section of the Information Department, Colonial Office, Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1.

Information on vocational guidance and training

At its 104th session at Geneva, March 1948, the International Labour Office decided to create an information service specially devoted to the subjects of vocational guidance and vocational training and retraining. The first copy of its *Bibliographical Bulletin on Vocational Guidance, Selection and Training* (30 pages, mimeographed), dated June, 1948, has now been received. The bulletin is in two sections, section I covering material of a general character within the field or works dealing with several industries; section II referring to documents each dealing with one particular industry. Both sections are classified under subject headings. An alphabetical author index is supplied.

Exchange

Professor Dr. F. Wessely of the Chemisches Univ-Laboratum of Vienna would like to obtain Nos. 3905–77 and 3998–4019 of *Nature*. In return he offers *Angewandte Chemie* (now *Die Chemie*) 1939–45 and *Chemische Fabrik* (now *Chemische Technik*) 1939–45.

"The Times", 1914–18

Mr. J. J. Conlan, librarian of the British Electrical and Allied Manufacturers' Association, kindly offers 24 bound volumes of *The Times*, August 1914 to June 1918, to any member to whom they might be of use or interest.

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Changes of Name, Address, and Aslib Representative

R.A.C. School of Tank Technology: Miss J. M. Lawson succeeds Capt. B. A. Dench.

National Coal Board: Miss P. M. Briers succeeds Mr. A. F. Ridley.

Central Office of Information: Mr. H. E. Brooks succeeds Mrs. G. E. Barbor.

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Intelligence Division: now Rex House, 4–12 Regent Street, S.W.1. Tel.: Whitehall 9788.

British Boot, Shoe and Allied Trades Research Association: Mr. H. E. L. Freytag succeeds Mr. W. Smith.

Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (Headquarters): now at Dorland House, Lower Regent Street, S.W.1. Tel.: Whitehall 9788.

British Rayon Research Association: now at Barton Dock Road, Urmston, near Manchester.

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Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 and 50 inclusive, or a woman between the ages of 18 and 40 inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order, 1947; or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.

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Wanted urgently: *Chemical Reviews*, Vol. 36, 1945 complete, or Nos. 1 and 3 only. Write: Librarian, Bedford College for Women, Regent's Park, N.W.1.

Situations Vacant

University of London Library. A new post of Deputy Librarian is being established in the University of London Library at a salary not exceeding £1,000 a year. Experienced and qualified librarians may obtain further particulars from the Goldsmiths' Librarian, University of London, Senate House, W.C.1.

Applications are invited for position in Technical Information Section in research laboratories of large Petroleum Company in the North-West. Applicants, of either sex, should have a degree in engineering or chemistry. Ability to translate and abstract technical journals in German, French, or Russian required. Work will include classification of scientific articles, and some library experience would be an advantage. Salary up to £550, according to qualifications. Pension fund rights. Please supply details regarding age, experience and qualifications, also when available, to Box P.W., 329 Deacons Advertising, 36, Leadenhall Street, London, E.C.3.

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A vacancy exists in the Library of the Research Department of the Distillers Company Limited, Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey, for a Junior Abstractor. Applicants must possess an Honours Degree in Chemistry and knowledge of at least one of the following subjects: Mycology, Bacteriology, Physics. Previous experience will be an advantage. Commencing salary will depend upon age, experience and qualifications. Applications should be submitted to the Controller of Research and Development, The Distillers Company Limited, Great Burgh, Epsom, Surrey.

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Tricks of the Trade—an Invitation

The Conference Committee has already been working for some months on the arrangements for the Aslib Conference at Ashorne Hill on the 9th–12th September, and is keeping the theme, "Tricks of the Trade", well in mind.

One particular session will be devoted to the experiences of members who have recently started new special libraries, and will deal with both methods and machines. To illustrate many of the points to be made by the speakers there will probably be an exhibition of indexes, filing systems and similar aids. The Committee, however, is anxious that this exhibition should include the fruits of the wide experience of all Aslib members. If, therefore, you are employing standard equipment in a particularly novel or efficient manner which you think may not be known to all other members it would be much appreciated if you could inform the Committee through the Aslib office. If you could lend the actual apparatus and material that would be best of all: if you cannot then the Committee would endeavour to reproduce the idea themselves.

The Committee would also be most grateful if members who have evolved entirely new machines, gadgets, systems and procedures would submit their brainwaves in a similar way. The Committee may not be able to exhibit every idea submitted, and some ideas may possibly overlap, but they feel many members may welcome this opportunity of joining in an exhibition by the members for members.

Maybe this project could lead, in the years to come, to an Aslib annual award for the most meritorious contribution to special library and information office technique made by a member during the course of the year. There seems no reason why prize indexes should not be exhibited at annual exhibitions in the same way as motor-boats and vegetable marrows.

The ideas submitted should be practical, and should exist in a more concrete form than that of a dream or a flight of the imagination. The Committee does not intend to include document duplication or reproduction apparatus, unless it should happen to be part and parcel of a wider process. Finally, it would help a lot if ideas could be submitted, or anyway sketched or outlined, not later than the 14th May.

The British National Bibliography: A New Venture to be started in January 1950

The first meeting of the Council for the British National Bibliography was held on Wednesday, 23rd March, 1949, and the British National Bibliography formally inaugurated. This meeting represented the culmination of discussions which have gone on since soon after the end of the war, latterly in a special committee, convened by the Library Association, under the chairmanship of Mr. F. C. Francis, of the British Museum.

The need for such a bibliography has long been felt and the Council confidently expects a warm welcome and enthusiastic support. The bibliography will be based on the Copyright Receipt Office of the British Museum, and the Trustees of the Museum have generously agreed to provide accommodation in the Museum for the work. It will take the form of a weekly list of all books (with certain minor exceptions) received in the Copyright Office, with an author index, issued every four weeks; the weekly lists will be cumulated at the end of the year into an Annual Volume, arranged in classified order and with an author index. Publication is planned to begin in the first week of 1950.

It is estimated that each weekly list will contain about 300 newly published or re-issued books. The subscription price for the whole work—weekly lists and annual volume—based on a subscription list of 1,000, will be £12. Additional copies of the weekly list only will be supplied at a reduced rate: up to six copies, £3 per copy per annum, and for larger numbers there will be a still larger reduction. The Council is to be an entirely non-profit-making body and any surplus will be devoted to providing greater bibliographical services.

Distribution will be in the hands of Messrs. J. Whitaker and Sons, Ltd., who have wide contacts with libraries and booksellers all over the world.

The form in which the Bibliography is to be published is designed to serve several purposes. In the first place it will serve as a guide to new books; use of the Copyright Office in the British Museum ensures prompt publication of new titles; prices will be given and notes will be added when necessary. Second, it will be a realistic solution of the problem of central cataloguing: it is to be printed on one side of the paper only, to allow entries to be cut out and mounted on cards; cataloguing is by the Anglo-American Code, and Dewey Decimal Classification symbols will be added. Third, it will be the reference catalogue for current English books.

A prospectus of the work, giving a sample page and subscription rates is in preparation: it will be issued not later than the third week in May. As the scheme is intended to be entirely self-supporting, those who wish to subscribe will be asked to signify their intention at the earliest possible moment.

The Council of the British National Bibliography consists of representatives of the following bodies: the British Museum, the Library Association, the Publishers Association, the Booksellers Association, the National Book League, the British Council, the National Central Library, the Royal Society, Aslib, and the Unesco Co-operating Body for Libraries. The preparation and publication are in the hands of an Executive Committee.

Aslib Conference in Edinburgh

Further details of the conference which is being organized by the Northern Branch of Aslib at Edinburgh on 6th May, 1949, are now available. Mr. Douglas A. Foulis, President of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, will take the Chair, and the opening address will be given by Sir John I. Falconer. Dr. L. W. Sharp, Librarian of Edinburgh University, is giving a paper on "Library co-operation in Scotland". This will be followed by papers on "The problems of the librarian in industry", by Dr. D. G. Brown, Librarian of the Nobel Division of the I.C.I. Ltd., and "The problems of the technical society library", by Mr. P. W. Thomas, Secretary of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland. In the afternoon, talks on the work of Aslib and on the Aslib Regional Branches will be given by the Director of Aslib and Mr. R. Brightman respectively. The meeting will close, after tea at the Royal Society of Edinburgh, with a discussion to decide whether to form a Scottish Branch of Aslib and, if the decision is favourable, to elect the first Committee.

An Edinburgh Exhibition

The Edison Swan Electric Company, Ltd., have notified us that they are arranging an exhibition of specialized equipment, including their new microfilm readers and new methods of filing and reference, in Edinburgh from 17th–20th May, at the South East Scotland Electricity Board, 127 George Street, Edinburgh, 2. Entrance to the exhibition is by invitation, and those desiring to attend should write to the Company at 155 Charing Cross Road, London, W.C.2.

"Contents Lists of Russian Periodicals"

The D.S.I.R. is organizing amongst Research Associations and other bodies known to be receiving Russian scientific and technical periodicals, a co-operative scheme for the translation of the contents pages.

A questionnaire has been sent out asking organizations to state the Russian periodicals they receive, and to name the ones for which they are prepared to provide translated contents lists. The D.S.I.R. will analyse the replies and ask organizations to provide such contents lists of one or more periodicals. As many periodicals as possible will be covered. The contents lists will be reproduced by photography, to eliminate proof checking, and replies will therefore be requested in a standard format.

Although it is hoped to start this new scheme on 1st April, 1949, and to issue the first number of *Contents Lists of Russian Periodicals* in May, members of Aslib who may be able to participate may still join. They should write direct to Dr. Urquhart, at the D.S.I.R., Dorland House, 14–16 Regent Street, London, S.W.1, for a copy of the circular and questionnaire.

This questionnaire has been designed to collect some additional data which should be of value to the Aslib conference on the availability of translations to be held early in July. At that conference this scheme for Russian contents lists will be one of several schemes, designed to improve the provision of translations, which will be considered.

American Book Prices

As a number of members have lately drawn our attention to the fact that the prices charged by booksellers in this country for American books sometimes seem to have little relation to the price in dollars appearing on the covers, we feel that the following official statement from the Booksellers Association may clarify the position.

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A Last Reminder

The Aslib study course for newcomers to information work will be held at the Library Association, Chaucer House, London, W.C.1, from 26th–29th April. It may still be possible to fit in late applicants if they write at once to the Aslib office.

Two bibliographies on Unesco

By a coincidence two bibliographies on Unesco made their appearance at the end of 1948 and are included in this month's list of accessions to the Aslib library. Fortunately these do not overlap to any serious extent and together they should be most helpful for tracking down documents published by Unesco, or reports on Unesco produced by the co-operating governments and other organizations. A more detailed description of the two lists will appear in the *Journal of Documentation*. Here it is sufficient to say that the *Unesco literature* is primarily concerned with Unesco's own publications, both printed material and mimeographed working documents, though it also includes some of the chief reports and articles on Unesco and its work issued by the co-operating nations. The Library of Congress *Selected list of references* is specially useful for its references to U.S. documents on Unesco. Apart from some basic material which appears in both lists, the Library of Congress bibliography does not attempt to list Unesco's own output of literature. The Unesco publication has no index but is well arranged for easy consultation under clearly defined headings. The Library of Congress list has an author index.

Books on Banking

A most useful paper on "Banking literature and the sources of banking information" by Miss I. Shrigley, Librarian of the Institute of Bankers, is included in the series of lectures delivered at the Institute of Bankers International Summer School, 1948, and published under the title *Current financial problems and the City of London* (see list of accessions to the Aslib library). The paper includes a number of book lists.

Management Conference

The Fifty-third "Oxford" Management Conference is being organized by the British Institute of Management at Cliftonville from the evening of 5th May to mid-day 8th, May 1949. Its general purpose will be to obtain a consensus of opinion among practising managers on certain fundamental questions relating to the development of management. Particu-

lars can be obtained from the Director of the British Institute of Management, 17 Hill Street, London, W.1.

Two Information Centres

We have received with interest a copy of the first issue of the *Bulletin de Documentation* of the Société de Controle et d'Exploitation de Transports Auxiliaires (S.C.E.T.A.), Paris, dated January 1949. In addition to articles the *Bulletin* includes a survey of current periodical literature on road and rail transport. The address of the Bureau of Documentation of S.C.E.T.A. is 95 rue d'Amsterdam, Paris.

The Institutul Roman de Documentare, Director: Dr. Emil Samoila, has circulated a first list of works and articles on science and technology published in Roumania in 1948. Each item bears a U.D.C. number and is annotated in French. The language of the original article is indicated. Copies of these articles are obtainable from the Institute in microfilm or photo-copies. The address is: Bucarest, Str. Dionisie Lupu 28, Et. 1.

Bibliographies from South Africa

The possibility that information of value may be buried in unpublished university theses has long been a matter of apprehension. Similarly valuable material is produced for librarianship qualifications. The University of Cape Town School of Librarianship is therefore to be congratulated; not only has it made public a list of bibliographies compiled by its students but it is making arrangements by which copies of these may be obtained in microfilm or other forms of photographic reproduction. The subjects of these bibliographies vary widely but many are on specialist South African topics such as "A bibliography of the flora of South Africa", "Rock paintings and petroglyphs of South and Central Africa", "The historical development of harbours and fisheries in South Africa", and "The first British occupation of the Cape of Good Hope, 1795–1803". Particulars can be obtained from the Director of the School of Librarianship, J. W. Jagger Library, University of Cape Town, Rondebusch, Cape Town.

Dr. F. Steggerda

Dr. F. Steggerda, after ten years' service at the Nederlands Instituut voor Efficiency and the Nederlands Instituut voor Documentatie en Registratuur, has left to take up work at the N.V. de Bataafsche Petroleum Maatschappij at The Hague. His place as managing director of the Nederlands Instituut voor Efficiency has been temporarily filled by Mr. J. Th. Kummer. Mr. Ir. M. Verhoef has been appointed as managing director of the Nederlands Instituut voor Documentatie en Registratuur. We would like to take this opportunity of wishing Dr. Steggerda all success in his new post.

Aslib's First Secretary

Members will be glad to know that Mr. A. F. Ridley, F.L.A., Hon. Secretary of Aslib in the first year of its existence, is making an excellent recovery after a long and painful illness. For nearly a year he has been almost continuously in hospitals, but, at long last, correct diagnosis of his illness, together with successful operations, make it possible for him to look forward to an early return to normal life. So much is this the case that he has asked us to notify Aslib members that he is able to offer his services in an advisory capacity in connection with the establishment or re-organization of special libraries and information services in any field of activity. Mr. Ridley is a fully qualified special librarian who has had thirty years of experience, and is well known to many for his work as librarian at the British Non-Ferrous Metals Research Association and as consultant in re-organization at other libraries. Anyone who would like to contact him with a view to obtaining his services should write to Box 48, c/o Aslib.

FIAT Reviews

The following additional titles are now available from the Aslib Library: W. Klemm: Inorganic Chemistry, Parts III and V; F. Eichholtz: Pharmacology and Toxicology, Part II; F. Schönhöfer: Chemotherapeutics; E. Rodenwaldt: Hygiene and Epidemiology, Part III; Walther Eilender: Ferrous Metallurgy, Part I; Hermann Steinmetz: Mineralogy; H. v. Wissman: Geography, Part II; Erwin Bünning: Biology, Part III; Alfred Kühn: Biology, Part IV; Alwin Walther: Applied Mathematics, Part IV.

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British Scientific Instrument Research Association: now 17 Princes Gate, London, S.W.7.

Mond Nickel Co., Ltd. (Research and Devt. Dept.): now Sunderland House, Curzon Street, W.1.

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order*, 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

Periodicals for Sale

A number of books on international affairs withdrawn from the Library of the Royal Institute of International Affairs. No lists available. Any librarian in London may inspect on making an appointment by telephone. WHI. 2233.

Periodicals Wanted

A copy of the *Economist* for 5th February, 1949. A copy of *Time* for 23rd December, 1946. Librarian, Institute of International Affairs. WHI. 2233.

Situation Wanted

Librarian. B.A. Degree History, M.L.A., wide experience of Colonial and scientific research, recently in charge of technical library, information and abstracting service, requires similar post, preferably in London. Salary about £500. Box No. 45.

Situations Vacant

Assistant librarian required for technical library, previous library experience essential. Knowledge of I.C. engines or associated subjects, and of German language advantageous. Either sex. F.S.S.U. in operation. Five-day week. Inclusive salary £300 to £450 according to experience. Please apply in writing to the Secretary, British Internal Combustion Engine Research Association, 111–112 Buckingham Avenue, Slough, Bucks.

The British Cotton Industry Research Association require abstractors for their Library and Information Bureau to deal with technical and scientific literature relating to textiles. Scientific qualifications should not be less than Inter B.Sc. standard: previous experience of abstracting and knowledge of French and/or German an advantage. Starting salary according to qualifications. Applications to Director, B.C.I.R.A., Shirley Institute, Didsbury, Manchester, 20.

The British Cotton Industry Research Association requires a librarian, preferably with some acquaintance with textile and/or scientific work. Applications in writing, with details of age, training and qualifications, to the Director, B.C.I.R.A., Shirley Institute, Didsbury, Manchester, 20.

Required for Research establishment dealing with fuels, a qualified librarian for a small technical library and information service. Conversational and technical German and/or French desirable, also some knowledge of organic or physical chemistry or mechanical engineering. Commencing salary for man or woman, up to £550 for a suitable applicant. Non-contributory pension scheme and bonus. Near Weybridge, Surrey. Apply Box No. 46.

Librarian required for Scientific Library. Knowledge of U.D.C. and Chemistry an advantage. Write, giving full particulars of age, qualifications and experience to Box No. 47.

Assistant Librarian required by Petroleum Research Laboratories in Berkshire, mainly to undertake the indexing of technical reports and assist with information services. A chemical or engineering background is desirable, with some special library experience (cataloguing, classification, indexing and abstracting). A knowledge of German or French would be an advantage. Salary from £450 per annum, according to experience. Apply Esso Development Co., Ltd., Esso House, Abingdon, Berks.

Ministry of Supply invites applications for unestablished posts in the following grades at the Atomic Energy Research Establishment, Harwell: Experimental Officer, £495–£645; Assistant Experimental Officer, £260 (at age 20)–£460. Rates for women are somewhat lower. Starting pay will be assessed on age, qualifications and experience within the ranges quoted. Candidates will not normally be appointed to the Experimental Officer grade below 28 years of age. Successful candidates will be required to assist in the technical work of the Director's Office and Information Service. The duties at present include: (1) organization of scientific exhibitions, conferences and lectures; (2) abstracting and classification of technical literature and compiling and editing reports and manuals. Candidates should possess a University degree in one or more of the physical sciences and preferably have some experience in a research organization. A knowledge of European languages would be an advantage. Write, quoting A.6c/49A, to Ministry of Labour and National Service, Technical and Scientific Register (K), York House, Kingsway, London, W.C.2, for application form, which should be returned completed by 30th April, 1949.

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Aslib—The Present Position

The Honorary Officers have authorized the following statement, as they feel that members are entitled to an up-to-date report on the position of the Association as regards its services, its finances and its membership, all three of which are closely interrelated.

Aslib started in 1924 as an association mainly of enthusiastic individuals engaged in the collection and distribution of specialized information. Gradually, support was forthcoming from institutions and firms as distinct from individuals, so that the necessity arose of affording specific services to these corporate members instead of only providing opportunities for discussion between individual members. Unfortunately, the relatively modest subscriptions demanded both from individuals and from institutions and firms have never provided a sufficiently stable financial background to develop an adequate organization capable of rendering the increasingly diverse type of service that the membership had a right to expect. Nevertheless, Aslib continued to live and develop, if not actually to prosper financially, and in 1944 it was able to attract the financial support of H.M. Government in the form of a grant received through the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. The terms of this grant, which was to cover a five-year period from 1944 to 1948, comprised a payment of £1,000 if the grant-earning subscriptions reached £1,500, together with a further £100 for each £100 of additional grant-earning subscription up to a total additional sum of £1,000. Thus subscription income of £2,500 could earn the maximum grant of £2,000: this target was reached in 1947.

During 1948, discussions were reopened with the Department for improved terms of grant for the 1949–53 quinquennium. It was made known to the Association that the Department was anxious to see the work and importance of Aslib (by this time in process of amalgamation with B.S.I.B.) greatly increased, and that much more substantial grant-aid would be forthcoming provided that Aslib for its part could increase its membership, its membership income, and the services which it was prepared to offer. Aslib responded to this challenge by submitting to the D.S.I.R. a programme for the consolidation and expansion of existing services, and by an undertaking to increase its membership and its income. For example, Aslib proposes to increase its grant-earning income from £2,500 in 1948 to £6,000 in 1952, partly by acquiring more members (a process which was already under way, and which had raised the number of members from 600 in 1945 to over 1,000 in 1948), and partly, at the specific request of the D.S.I.R. by raising the rates of subscription from the modest level hitherto in force. On the understanding that this can be done, the Department is now proposing new terms of grant as follows:

1949—£2,500 for a minimum total of £2,500 grant-earning income, plus £100 grant for every £100 grant-earning income above £2,500.
1950—£4,000 grant for a minimum of £4,000 grant-earning income.
1951—£5,000 grant for a minimum of £5,000 grant-earning income.
1952—£6,000 grant for a minimum of £6,000 grant-earning income.
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This generous offer, to which may possibly be added a special grant for capital expenditure on new equipment and for special projects in 1949 and 1950, is designed to encourage the Association to expand and to provide better and more varied services to its increasing membership. It is in the confidence that such a result will be attained that a decision has been reached to raise the rate of subscription to new members and to appeal to present members to increase their support in proportion.

As subscriptions become due month by month, each present corporate member is being approached by letter. The response, so far, has been most encouraging.

The Conference

In addition to the exhibition of "tricks of the trade", for which we asked assistance in last month's Bulletin, and for which, incidentally, we are still open to receive suggestions, it has been proposed that there should also be an exhibition of staff manuals and the various rules of procedure and guides to classification prepared in special libraries for staff purposes. Here again, we are obviously unable to arrange such an exhibition unless librarians who have such material will co-operate with us. If you feel that your staff manual or rules of procedure would be of interest to other members of the Association (as, in point of fact, they are almost bound to be) it would be most appreciated if you could let the Aslib office know. They would only be required for the period of the Conference, 9th–12th September.

Lectures for Information Officers

As announced in the January, 1949, issue of this Bulletin, a course of ten lectures on special aspects of information work, designed for those who have already had some experience in special libraries or information bureaux, is being organized by the Aslib Education Committee. To suit those members who live at some distance from London but who wish to attend the course, the lectures are being given in pairs, on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings, at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine, Keppel Street, London, W.C.1. The first of these, on "The value of an information service", will be given on

Friday, 20th May, at 5.45 p.m., by Dr. B. J. A. Bard, of the Federation of British Industries. This will be followed on the Saturday morning, 21st May, at 10.30 a.m., by a lecture on "Special factors in the organization of information services", by Mr. Stephen Heald of the Central Office of Information. After this first pair of lectures there will be an unavoidable gap of three weeks owing to the Library Association Annual Conference at Eastbourne, 23rd to 27th May, and the Whitsun holiday at the following week-end. The next Aslib lectures will therefore be given on 10th and 11th June, by Mr. R. L. Collison, F.L.A., Reference Librarian at the Westminster Public Libraries, on "The technique of answering inquiries". Subsequent lectures will be given on 24th and 25th June, 8th and 9th July, and 22nd and 23rd July. It is hoped that, by the time of publication of this issue, members will already have received a full programme of these lectures, but this notice is being inserted for the sake of new-comers to the membership and for those who, by some mischance, may have overlooked the previously circulated notice.

United States Book Exchange

The United States Book Exchange, Inc., has succeeded the American Book Center for War-devastated Libraries and, with the aid of a three-year grant of $90,000 from the Rockefeller Foundation, started its work on 1st January, 1949. It has an ambitious programme, going far beyond the organization of aid to war-damaged libraries which was the chief function of the earlier body. Primarily it will act as the national exchange bureau within the United States for the international exchange of publications, and in connection with this activity it will collect, list and distribute research material from and among libraries and institutions all over the world. Any library, association or other institution which has publications (its own or from other resources) to offer in exchange can participate in the plan. Libraries will receive unit credit for each publication they offer, in return for which they can choose items from U.S.B.E. lists sent to them. Exchange materials are defined as "those valuable for research, published in science or technology during the last ten years; or in the humanities, the arts or history during the last fifteen years. Long runs of periodicals published earlier will be acceptable, as will recognized classics in the fields mentioned. Other older materials will be accepted by special arrangement. Materials may include periodicals, bound or unbound books, documents, pamphlets, printed music, and most other forms of publication except newspapers." Libraries receiving material from U.S.B.E. will be expected to pay the cost of postage and handling charges graded according to the nature of the items, i.e. 50 cents for each monograph over 32 pages, 25 cents for each periodical issue, etc. If special requests are made for foreign publications a charge of 10 cents each will be made, but will be deducted from the handling fee if the item can be supplied by U.S.B.E.

U.S.B.E. will carry on certain of the rehabilitation services of the American Book Center and will add to the store of information already gathered by that body on such subjects as: areas of need in war-devastated countries; kinds of education material needed; book campaigns now in progress; methods of collection, packing and shipping, etc.

Ultimately the United States Book Exchange hopes to develop into a bibliographic centre which will be able to offer information on a world-wide basis. It is acting in close collaboration with Unesco. U.S.B.E. is now issuing a monthly mimeographed News-letter which gives news of its development and can be obtained on application by libraries interested in the possibility of co-operating in its scheme.

Correspondence should be sent to the United States Book Exchange, Inc., Room 300, Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A.

Twin

We would like to congratulate the *Industrial Diamond Review* on its 100th issue, which appeared at the same time as our own—in March of this year.

Buried Alive

From Colin Richardson's *Catalogue of Books on Bibliography, Typography and Ancillary Subjects*, 1949:

898. BESTERMAN (Theodore). *Editor*. British Sources of Reference and Information: a guide to societies, works of reference and libraries.

Post 8vo. Original blue cloth. A very fine copy. *Aslib*, 1947. 7*s*. 6*d*.

We still have some very fine copies, too, at the original price of six shillings; five shillings to members!

Libraries in Factories

The National Book League has been asked to draw up a scheme which will facilitate the setting-up of libraries in factories all over the United Kingdom, and which will also be capable of rendering service to existing factory libraries.

The proposal issued originally from the Economic Information Unit of the Treasury, who pointed out the desirability of libraries being created in all factories employing over one hundred workers (some 15,000 factories in all). The purpose of these libraries, which will be mainly technical, but will also contain some general works, will be to stimulate production by fostering employees' knowledge both of the processes of their own industry and of the pattern of the nation's industry as a whole. The N.B.L. is confronted by three tasks. The first is to make the scheme known to factories, to Public and County Libraries, to library organizations, to Aslib members, to booksellers, to organized labour and to managerial and technical bodies. For this initial publicity some help would be forthcoming from the C.O.I., and both in this and later stages it is hoped to make use of bookmobiles and travelling exhibitions. The second task will be to give advice, to those factories which respond, on the starting and running of a library (in many cases this will include guidance for part-time librarians). The third task will be to provide a continuous advisory service and, as far as possible, to co-ordinate the existing sources of relevant information for factories' benefit.

The N.B.L. has appointed an *ad hoc* committee to deal with the matter and a first outline of the scheme has already been discussed; much consultation remains to be done, but the final draft should be ready for submission to the Treasury by midsummer. The whole emphasis in the scheme is on books for the ordinary worker. What is envisaged is emphatically not the creation of scientific libraries for the exclusive use of research staffs.

New Microfilm Apparatus

At the Physical Society's annual exhibition this year, Kodak, Ltd., were exhibiting a most ingenious 35 mm. spiral film-processing outfit, together with a 35 mm. spiral film dryer. The design, which has recently been singled out for special mention by the Council of Industrial Design, is based on a new spiral spool of translucent polystyrene. This spool is grooved so that adjacent coils of film cannot touch each other, and is loaded by a very simple automatic device.

This outfit may be of particular interest to microfilm users who use their cameras intermittently. It accommodates up to 24 feet of 35 mm. film (i.e. about 150 pages of a normal book or periodical), and the approximate drying time is only 30 minutes.

American Medical Library Association

Out of the long list of papers to be presented at the 48th Annual Meeting of the Medical Library Association, at Galverston, Texas, in April, attention may be drawn to the following: "Function of the historical collections in medical libraries", by Dr. John F. Fulton; "Choosing books for medical library exhibits", by Mr. Herman H. Henkle; and "Bibliography of co-operation", by Dr. Luther H. Evans.

Economic Development in the U.S.S.R.

The Faculty of Commerce and Social Science of the University of Birmingham is starting a series of *Bulletins on Soviet Economic Development*, edited by Dr. Alexander Baykov. The aim is to provide readers with an analytical summary of material published in the Soviet Union on Soviet economic development. The first series will consist of four bulletins, planned for publication in 1949 and dealing with:

1. The main trend of industrial development in the U.S.S.R. between 1913 and 1940.
2. The effect of World War II on Industry.
3. The aims of the Five-Year Plan for 1946–50.
4. General post-war industrial developments, and developments in the most important branches of Soviet industry up to date.

The Bulletins will be available only to those who subscribe for a series. Subscription for the first series is £1, post free. Orders should be sent to the Secretary, Department of Economics and Institutions of the U.S.S.R., Faculty of Commerce, The University, Birmingham, 15.

Italian Publications, 1948

Catologo Colletivo della Libreria Italiana 1948, the collected catalogues of books issued by Italian publishers during 1948, listing about 25,000 titles, has been issued by the Associacione Italiani Golitori. Copies at Lire 4000, carriage free, may be obtained from S.A. Per Publicazioni Bibliografico-Editoriali (S.A.B.E.), c/o The Italian Publishers' Association, via della Spiga 30, Milan. A copy may be seen at the Publishers' Association, 28 Little Russell Street, W.C.1.

Scientific Papers—Middle East

The Science Co-operation Office, Middle East, of Unesco, in Cairo, has published its List No. 2 of scientific papers received, which includes titles from March 1st–July 31st, 1948, in addition to those from January 1st, 1947, given in the previous list.

"The Oriental Year"

A new publication with the above title is announced from the School of Oriental and African Studies. The first number will be published before the end of 1949 at £2 10*s*., and will cover the year 1948. The material will be grouped regionally and subdivided under Language, History and Economics, The Historical Auxiliary Sciences, Law and Jurisprudence, Religion and Philosophy, The Arts and Architecture, Social Anthropology, and The History of Science, Scientific Thought, Technology.

National Catalogue of Films

The National Committee for Visual Aids in Education, of 79 Wimpole Street, London, W.1, has decided that the time has come for a national catalogue of films and film strips useful for teaching purposes. The publishing work has been undertaken by the Educational Foundation for Visual Aids.

New Members

Since the list published in the March issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

Administrative Staff College, The (Henley-on-Thames)	J. H. Williams
Leicester College of Technology Library (Leicester)	E. M. Wright
Lawson, Miss J. M.	
Llanelly Public Library	J. E. Thomas, F.L.A.
Ministry of Agriculture & Fisheries, The Library (London)	F. C. Hirst, F.L.A.
Ministry of Supply (National Gas Turbine Establishment (Pyestock)	Miss B. W. Hedley
Munasinghe, D. C., B.Sc. (Ceylon)	
National Development Foundation of South Africa (J'burg)	I. K. M. Scheepers
National Oil Refineries, Ltd. (Tech. Inf. Bureau) (Neath)	E. J. Horley
New York State, College of Agriculture (The Library)	A. Macdonald
Philpot, Miss J. P.	
Potchefstroom University College for C.H.E. (The Library) (S. Africa)	H. C. van Rooy
Rayon Industry Design Centre, The (London)	C. W. Paul-Jones
Royal Army Medical College, The Library (London)	M. Davis
Whessoe Limited (Darlington)	Miss A. Cassels.

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Changes of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

Association of Scientific Workers: Mr. T. Ainley succeeds Mr. R. Innes.

London County Council (Teaching and Research Laboratory): now The Institute of Psychiatry (University of London), Maudsley Hospital, Denmark Hill, S.E.5.

Admiralty Centre for Scientific Information and Liaison: now Admiralty Centre for Scientific Information and Liaison Library, Fanum House, 66A Whitcombe Street, W.C.2: Mr. H. L. R. Hinkley succeeds Mr. J. N. Davies.

Birkbeck College Library: now 29 Russell Square, W.C.1 (Museum 4770).

South Pacific Commission: now Pentagone, Anse Vata, Noumea, New Caledonia.

Ordnance Survey Dept.: Lt.-Col. D. I. Burnett, R.E., succeeds Lt.-Col. H. E. M. Newman.

Gas Research Board (Intelligence Section): now at "The Abbey", Southend Road, Beckenham, Kent (Beckenham 5015).

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 and 50 inclusive, or a woman between the ages of 18 and 40 inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order, 1947, or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.

Periodicals Required

Nature, 1948, 31rd July, 31st July and 7th August. Write Librarian, A. C. Cossor, Highbury Grove, N.5.

Economist, 1948, January 10th, March 20th, March 27th. *Times*, 1948, January 22nd, January 26th. Librarian, Administrative Staff College, Greenlands, Henley-on-Thames.

Indexing

Indexing of books and periodicals undertaken—general subjects, not science or technology. Box No. 49.

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The President

We are sure that all members will receive with pleasure the news that Dr. Percy Dunsheath, C.B.E., M.A., D.Sc., M.I.E.E., has accepted the invitation to become our next President. Dr. Dunsheath is too well known in the field of industrial research and education to require lengthy introduction here, and we need only recall a few of his many offices and activities. He was President of the Institution of Electrical Engineers 1945–6, and is at present a Vice-President of the Royal Institution. He is a Founder Fellow of the Institute of Physics, Deputy Chairman of Convocation of the University of London and Member of the Research Committee of the Federation of British Industries. He is a Director and Consulting Engineer of Messrs. W. T. Henley's Telegraph Works Ltd.

Dr. Dunsheath is a firm believer in the value of information services, large and small. As he says in *Industrial Research* " even where the firm is much too small to contemplate setting up a laboratory or even the employment of a highly scientific staff, it can do much to inform itself on the progress of scientific knowledge and to apply the knowledge as it becomes available to the improvement of its processes and products." He is also on record as having said " Good indexes are essential, and the best index of all is the multi-dimensional brain of an enthusiastic librarian, who should be encouraged to maintain outside contacts."

Aslib in Scotland

A very successful conference was held in Edinburgh on 6th May, 1949, organized by the Scottish members of the Northern Branch of Aslib. The moving spirit of the local committee responsible for all arrangements was Mrs. Margaret Spence, of the Scottish Seaweed Research Institute, Musselburgh. The meetings were held, through the kindness of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, in the calm and dignity of their premises which added greatly to the pleasure of the occasion.

The conference was opened by Sir John I. Falconer, a former Lord Provost of Edinburgh, who welcomed the delegates to the city. The Chair throughout the day was taken by Mr. Douglas A. Foulis, President of the Edinburgh Chamber of Commerce, who most admirably introduced the speakers and controlled the discussions. The first paper was presented by Dr. L. W. Sharp, Librarian of Edinburgh University and President of the Scottish Library Association, on " Library co-operation in Scotland ", a scholarly survey of the subject from early times to the present day. Dr. D. G. Brown, Librarian of the Nobel Division of Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., spoke on " The problems of the librarian in industry ", and gave a great deal of interesting information on the library at Ardeer, started in 1910 by Sir Frederick Nathan, which is classified by the Kaiser system. He was followed by Mr. P. W. Thomas, Secretary of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders in Scotland, who, speaking on " The problems of the technical society library ", showed the difficulties which beset a librarian in charge of a relatively small library built up to serve the members of a society. The contrast in the problems set out in these three papers served in itself to stimulate discussion and was a good illustration of the varied interests represented in the Aslib membership.

After an excellent lunch at the Royal Hotel, presided over by Mr. H. Corteen, Director of Research of the British Jute Research Association and Chairman of the local committee responsible for the conference, the delegates re-assembled at the Royal Society to listen to an account of what Aslib is and does, given by the Director, Miss E. M. R. Ditmas. One of the main purposes of the conference was to decide whether it would be desirable to form a Scottish Branch of Aslib and, in addition to the Scottish and North of England members of Aslib, quite a large number of non-members were present and these displayed a lively interest in the extent to which membership of Aslib could help them. Mr. R. Brightman, Chairman of the Northern Branch of Aslib, described the reasons which had led to the formation of that Branch and outlined what the formation of a Branch would entail. The meeting then adjourned to the next room for tea and informal discussion of the problem. At the last meeting of the day the proposal that a Scottish Branch should be created was formally put to the meeting, seconded and carried *nem. con.* Since it was believed that several new members might join Aslib as a result of the conference it was decided to postpone the election of the Scottish Branch Committee until it could be known how much additional support for the movement would be forthcoming from these new recruits. The responsibility for organizing the election of the Committee was therefore left in the hands of the Steering Committee which had been responsible for the conference. The meeting closed with sincere votes of thanks to the Royal Society for its hospitality, to Mr. Foulis for his Chairmanship, and to Mr. Corteen, Mrs. Margaret Spence and their committee for their labours in organizing the very successful gathering.

Postage on Aslib library loans

We are glad to be able to relieve members of one small but probably irritating item of routine. In future members resident in Great Britain will not be asked to refund postage on documents lent to them from the Aslib library collection. We regret that we must still ask for the refund of postage on inter-library loans organized through Aslib.

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The "Review of Documentation"

The quarterly journal of the International Federation for Documentation, (F.I.D.), deserves to be more widely read in this country.

Recent issues have included: HENRY E. BLISS, The problem of classification for bibliography, and a proposal; HENRI CLAVIER, Considerations générales sur le mécanisme de la pensée; L. d'HAENENS, Bibliothécaire et documentaliste; ROBERT PAGÈS, Transformations documentaires et milieu culturel; W. W. VAROSSIEAU, Use of the U.D.C. in selecting data with mechanical appliances.

British subscribers can obtain vols. 15 (1948) and 16 (1949) of the *Review of Documentation* through Aslib, price 34*s*. p.a., post free.

The F.I.D.'s most recent publication is the *List of current specialized abstracting and indexing services,* 1st edition, prepared for the 1949 Unesco International Conference on Science Abstracting. This most useful document is listed as publication No. 235 of the F.I.D. and is free to subscribers to the *Review of Documentation.* It can be obtained by others at 8*s*. per copy. Orders should be sent to Aslib as soon as possible.

Wanted—helping hands

For the first time for many years Aslib is publicly appealing for voluntary help in the office. Members know that Aslib is confidently hoping for better financial resources which in turn will lead to better accommodation and equipment. This reorganization will, naturally, take time and meanwhile the calls on Aslib's services are increasing daily. Since we have at the moment no space where we could accommodate additional workers during the usual office hours and, even if we had the room, we could not at present contemplate any considerable extension to the salary bill, we have been driven to inquire whether there are any members of Aslib who could give an hour or two weekly between 5 and 7 p.m. to various bibliographical tasks? These include work on the index to documentation material which is being transformed from an alphabetical to a U.D.C. subject index; work on the collection of material for further sections of the Aslib. *Guides to sources of information in Great Britain*; consolidation of records of the location of periodicals; building up the index to the location of translations, and most important of all, the actual location of items required in connection with Aslib's document reproduction and information section. If two or three people could each make themselves responsible for help in a particular section of work a great deal of much needed assistance would be possible. We make these suggestions diffidently but with the conviction that anyone who could help us in this way would be to some extent repaid by valuable experience.

Aslib Conferences

Annual Conference at Ashorne Hill, 9–11th September.—Some double rooms have again been booked at the Regent Hotel, Leamington Spa. It would be of the greatest help if members who may wish to take advantage of this facility would inform the Aslib office at once, as it is difficult to calculate the numbers.

A theatre party is being arranged to the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre for the Saturday evening, 10th September, for up to 90 delegates. The social evening will be on the Friday this year, 9th September, at Ashorne Hill.

Aslib Guides

The Information Section has started work on the *Aslib Guides to sources of information in Great Britain,* No. 4: TEXTILES. We are anxious that this guide should be as comprehensive as possible and it would therefore be appreciated if members whose activities may be connected with the textile industry, who are non-profit-making organizations, and who have not received a copy of our questionnaire, could notify the Information Officer as soon as possible.

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Furniture Design Conference

A conference on furniture design, organized by the Council of Industrial Design, will be held from 18th to 22nd July, at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Portland Place, London, W.1. Papers addressed to the scientist and technician, manufacturer and distributor as well as to the designer, will be given by representative experts on some of the factors governing design. The conference is free, but formal enrolment is necessary. Those interested should write, briefly indicating their professional or trade interest, to the Council of Industrial Design, Tilbury House, Petty France, London, S.W.1, marking their letters "Furniture design conference".

A new Swedish abstracting journal

We have received the first issue of *Jernkontorets Litteraturöversikt,* a new monthly abstracting periodical in Swedish covering the fields of mining, metallurgy, metal processing, heat treatment and metallography. This is published by Jernkontorets Litteraturjänst, Kungsträdgardsgatan 6, Stockholm C, at Kr. 12. It is interesting to note that two classification systems are used. The abstracts are arranged according to the Jernkontoret system which is set out on pp. 2 and 3 of the cover but each abstract is also provided with a U.D.C. number.

FIAT Reviews

The following additional titles are now available from the Aslib Library: HANS KOPFERMANN: Physics of the Electron Shells; EUGEN KAPPLER: Physics of Liquids and Gases; ALBERT BETZ: Hydro- and Aerodynamics; GEORG GOUBAU and JONATHAN ZENNECK: Electronics, incl. Fundamental Emission Phenomena, Part II; BORIS RAJEWSKY and MICHAEL SCHON: Biophysics, Part II; ALWIN WALTHER: Applied Mathematics, Part II; K. H. BAUER: Surgery General and Special; ERWIN BUNNING and ALFRED KUHN: Biology, Part II.

Soviet Press

The Joint Committee on Slavic Studies, appointed by the American Council of Learned Societies and the Social Science Research Council, issued in January, 1949, the first number of its new weekly *Current Digest of the Soviet Press.* The contents of *Pravda* and *Izvestia* will be utilized in the *Current Digest* within approximately three weeks after Moscow publication, and their most important items will be given in full. Selections from about 40 other Soviet publications will cover industry, art, economics, education, law, agriculture, etc.

Subscriptions orders ($150.00 p. a., including the quarterly index) should be addressed to the *Current Digest of the Soviet Press,* 1219 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Reprints

A copy of the 1949 *Periodical Catalog,* issued by J. W. Edwards of Ann Arbor, Michigan, U.S.A., has recently been received. Part I lists facsimile-size reprints of foreign scientific and technical periodicals covering the war years. This series was begun by the Alien Property Custodian and is being continued by J. W. Edwards. Part II, Edwards Miniature Reprints, lists the 36 German titles in science and technology which are to be reprinted, four pages on one, if there is sufficient demand. This method of reproduction was recommended by the

Association of Research Libraries for foreign journals that cannot be reproduced in facsimile size without undue cost. Lastly there is a list of 14 recent American medical journals, now out-of-print, which have been reprinted, four pages on one, for the Committee on Aid to Libraries in War Areas and are now available.

Swedish documentation of agriculture

A survey of "the more important bibliographical aids of agriculture and related subjects", by Lars Frykholm, has has been off-printed from the *Kungl. Lantbruksakademiens Tidskrift* (Vol. 87, No. 6, 1948) under the title "Översikt över lantbruksforskningens och dess hjälpvetenskapers viktigare bibliografiska hjälpmedel". This pamphlet, in Swedish, of 31 pages is divided into three parts; bibliographies of bibliographies, general and special agricultural bibliographies and bibliographies of related subjects, and lastly a list of the more important agricultural libraries arranged according to their countries. This last is necessarily sketchy but may be useful when it is a question of making contact with a centre of agricultural information in some of the less familiar countries.

"Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus"

The American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn Street, Chicago 10, Illinois, U.S.A., announces that it has been able to arrange for the reproduction of out-of-stock volumes of the *Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus*. Particulars of the volumes available, with their prices, are given in the *Unesco Bulletin for Libraries*, Vol. 3, No. 4, April, 1949.

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New Members

Since the list published in the May issue of this bulletin, the following have been elected to membership of Aslib:

Acton Technical College Library (London)	Miss H. M. Pryor
Bibliothèque du Ministére de la Défense Nationale (Belgique)	Col. A. Bigwood
Biotechnic Press Ltd., The (London)	D. Eastmond
Blackburn, M. G., M.A., B.Sc.	
Brentford and Chiswick Public Libraries (London)	Miss F. M. Green, F.L.A.
Brotherton Library, The (Leeds)	B. S. Page, M.A.
B.S.A. Group Research Centre, The (Sheffield)	A. G. Rimmer, B.Sc., A.Inst.P.
Cotton, B. H. C., O.B.E.	
Daily Telegraph, The (London)	G. P. Simon
Fundamental Press Ltd. (London)	Mrs. S. McEwan
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Honeywell, J. F. L.	
Leicester University College (Institute of Education)	A. M. Kean
(New Zealand) General Post Office (Statistics and Research Divn.)	A. Macdonald
Permutit Company Ltd., The (London)	Miss J. U. Spellman
Scientific Circulations Ltd.	M. Pennington
Smith, Julian F. (U.S.A.)	
Society of Authors, The (London)	Miss H. Lehmann

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Changes of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

Austin Motor Co., Ltd.: Mrs. P. I. Lewis succeeds Mr. B. J. Ledeux.

British Jute Trade Research Association: now Kinnoul Road, Kingsway West, Dundee, Scotland.

Butterworth's Scientific Publications Ltd.: Mrs. J. F. Youd succeeds Mr. J. P. Gaudin.

Institute for Industrial Research and Standards: now Glasnevin House, Ballymun Road, Dublin, Eire.

Ministry of Food (Library): now Dean Bradley House, Horseferry Road, S.W.1.

Monsanto Chemicals Ltd.: Miss M. Harte succeeds Dr. W. D. Scott.

Sutcliffe, Speakman & Co., Ltd.: Mr. G. R. Heath succeeds Mr. Hamilton.

Woodall-Duckham Vertical Retort and Oven Construction Co., Ltd.: now 63–77 Brompton Road, S.W.3.

Wrexham Public Library: Mr. C. Harris succeeds Mr. R. D. Rates.

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order*, 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

Situation Wanted

Intelligence Officer / Sub-editor (Woman) with wide scientific knowledge, languages, and commercial experience seeks work with chemical firm or scientific institution. Bibliographies, translations, indexing, abstracting, library organization, etc. Box No. 50.

Situations Vacant

Abstractor required in Intelligence Section of large organization in south-west London. Applicants, who should be under 26, must hold a chemistry or physics degree of a British University. A knowledge of French or German would be an advantage. Reply, giving full details of qualifications and experience and age, to Box No. 51.

Imperial Chemical Industries Limited have a vacancy in the Intelligence Section of their Billingham Works for a Technical Officer to take charge of library, technical file and inquiry work. Candidates should be between 30 and 40 years of age. They should preferably be chemists with an honours degree and some experience of intelligence work. Application Forms may be obtained from the Staff Manager, Imperial Chemical Industries Limited, Billingham, Co. Durham.

Librarian. The joint Library of the Tavistock Institute of Human Relations and the Tavistock Clinic, now in course of expansion, will shortly appoint a full-time Librarian. This library covers the field of the Social Sciences and Adult and Child Psychiatry. Applicants should possess a recognized qualification in librarianship; a degree or diploma in one of the biological or social sciences, and acquaintance with the relevant literature, with special reference to research, will be considered an asset. Salary range from £350–£500, according to qualifications and experience. Applications by 11th June, to Secretary, Library Committee, Tavistock Institute of Human Relations, 2 Beaumont Street, W.1.

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Indexes, abstracts, bibliographies, translations prepared, and advice given on classification by qualified librarian. Box 52.

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CALCUTTA UNIVERSITY CENTRAL LIBRARY

Birthday Honours

It gives us great pleasure to be able to report that a knighthood was bestowed upon Charles Hilary Jenkinson, Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, and that T. L. Drury, lately Librarian, the Post Office, W. E. White, Librarian, the Patent Office, and L. P. Yates Smith, Librarian, the Imperial War Museum, were appointed Ordinary Members of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, in the Birthday Honours List.

Incorporation

On the Twenty-fourth day of May One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-nine the Registrar of Companies issued a Certificate to the effect that ASLIB (the word "Limited" being omitted by Licence of the Board of Trade) was that day Incorporated under the Companies Act, 1948, and that the Company is Limited.

This is the last, though the most important, chapter but two in a story which began with talks concerning the amalgamation of the B.S.I.B. with Aslib three years ago. The occasion of this union was taken for the preparation of an entirely new constitution, which is contained in the Memorandum and Articles of Association of Aslib: the title being reduced to one simple word, instead of the former Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux.

The two final chapters will be concerned with the liquidation of the old Association and the B.S.I.B., so that their assets and, alas, liabilities may be transferred to Aslib, and with the first General Meeting of the new body. This meeting is largely formal, must take place within three months of the date of incorporation, and will, therefore, be on 19th August, 1949. The proper notice will be sent to all British members in due course.

Perhaps the objects of Aslib, as set out in the Memorandum and Articles of Association, or, at any rate, those amongst them which are concerned with the professional basis of our work, as distinct from the formal and administrative clauses, will provide members with a useful illustration of our aims. Printed copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association will be available to all members on demand, in about six weeks time, but until then, here are the most interesting items from the objects:

To take over such of the assets and liabilities of the Company known as The Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux incorporated in 1926 and of the unincorporated Association known as the British Society for International Bibliography as may lawfully be taken over by the Association.

To advance and promote documentation and the study of bibliographical methods and of the classification of information and to promote national and international collaboration in bibliography and documentation and to compile and to foster the compilation of comprehensive and specialist bibliographies.

To support the principle of unrestricted interchange of all non-confidential knowledge and information.

To encourage the formation and advance the interests of special libraries information bureaux and all kindred and related services.

To promote the holding of meetings for the reading and discussing of papers on all subjects relevant to the objects of the Association.

To promote professional knowledge amongst documentalists and persons working in special libraries and information bureaux to hold classes to conduct examinations and to grant scholarships, prizes and certificates for competency in professional knowledge relating to the foregoing objects. Provided that every such certificate shall contain on its face a statement to the effect that it is not issued with any statutory or Government sanction but solely by the authority of the Association.

To apply or petition for or promote any Act of Parliament, Royal Charter or other authority with a view to the attainment or extension of all or any of the objects of the Association.

Russian Translations

The Keeper of the Science Museum Library, South Kensington, S.W.7, invites all organizations preparing translations of Russian scientific technical articles to forward one copy of the translation to the Science Museum Library. Each translation forwarded should carry the transliterated title of the periodical in which the original article appeared. Should an organization desire to keep its interest confidential it can request the Library not to disclose the origin of such translations. While the Library will not undertake to receive any or every translation independently of quality or condition it will not be responsible for the scientific accuracy of the translations. Translations accepted will be catalogued and listed in the Accession List issued by the Science Library and, subject to any reservation of copyright, may be obtained through the photocopying service.

United States Book Exchange

Correspondence to U.S.B.E. should be addressed to Alice Dulany Ball, Executive Director, Room 324, c/o the Library of Congress, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A., and not to Room 300 as stated in our May issue.

British Abstracting Periodicals

The Royal Society has recently issued a *List of periodicals and bulletins containing abstracts published in Great Britain* which was prepared under the supervision of the Abstracting Services Consultative Committee. This pamphlet of 62 pages (price 2*s*. 6*d*.), first lists the titles of the periodicals alphabetically in nine subject sections. Then details of the 127 periodicals are set out, alphabetically under title, followed by a name and title index. An appendix gives a partial list of journals, containing abstracts, published in the British Commonwealth. This most useful publication is the result of recommendations made at the Royal Society's Scientific Information Conference held in 1948. It may be obtained from the Cambridge University Press, 200 Euston Road, N.W.1.

References on Atomic Energy

The monthly annotated list of significant articles, pamphlets and books on the subject of atomic energy, prepared for the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy, may now be purchased from the Library of Congress, Card Division, Washington 25, D.C., U.S.A. The bibliography, which is entitled *Atomic Energy: significant references*, is based on a survey of materials received in the Library of Congress, but does not generally include journals and papers of a highly scientific or technical character since data of this type is received by the Joint Congressional Committee through other sources. No issues of the bibliography prior to 1st January, 1949, are available, but beginning with Vol. 3, No. 1 (January, 1949), the publication may be obtained at an annual subscription rate of $1.50; monthly issues 15 cents each.

Official German Export Directories

The first post-war official export directories of Germany have recently been issued, entitled *Das Grosse Deutsche Bezugsquellewek*, published by Bequna-Verlag, Remscheid-Lennep. There are directories for the British, American and French Zones respectively, each containing information about the export industries of post-war Germany. Each is in three parts, i.e. Buyer's Guide, which is a classified trades section; Address book section, giving names and addresses in alphabetical order; and Trades index. The price is £10 for the complete set or, separately, British Zone £3, American Zone £4 10*s*., French Zone £4. Sole agents in Great Britian are B.A.S. Overseas Publications, Seagull House, 22 St. Giles High Street, London, W.C.2.

Revision of the Dewey Classification

The 15th standard edition of the *Dewey Decimal Classification and Relative Index* is being edited by Dr. Milton J. Ferguson, who recently retired from his position as chief librarian, Brooklyn Public Library. Nearly ten years have been spent on this revision, which is to be published in 1950 by the Forest Press, Inc., Lake Placid, N.Y., U.S.A.

Periodicals Received by Aslib

The Aslib library is a very good example of that spirit of co-operation by members for the benefit of the membership as a whole which has been the basis of all Aslib's development. Hitherto (though we hope that this is soon to be altered), Aslib could afford no library fund and unless it had received publications through gifts or by exchange, there would have been no library and no "Survey of Documentation" in the *Journal*, or "Recent Papers" in the *Bulletin*. For a number of years, however, members and well-wishers have sent us their publications and we believe that the following list of periodicals currently received will be of interest. A word or two of warning and explanation is, however, necessary.

Because of the manner in which the collection has been built up, the list contains many gaps and some anomalies and should not be taken as a comprehensive guide to periodicals on documentation. A few journals which are sent to Aslib and which are right outside its scope are passed on to other more appropriate special libraries but a certain number of non-documentation periodicals are kept if they have proved to be of use to the Information Section. It is Aslib's aim, however, to build up a collection covering world-wide developments in librarianship, document reproduction, mechanisation applied to information work, lay-out and typography, filing and indexing methods, etc.

The following list only includes those periodicals which Aslib has reason to believe are coming regularly. A very large number of specimen copies of new periodicals are received and are most welcome as indications of the scope of new ventures but these are not listed. We beg forgiveness if any generous donor finds that his publication has been omitted. This is intended only as a rough guide to our holdings. If it proves of interest we hope that a fuller and better list may be issued in the future.

Complete volumes of periodicals do not, as a rule, go back much before 1948. In the case of notable exceptions to this, dates of holdings are given.

ABGILA. ANNALS—BULLETIN—GRANTHALAYA OF THE INDIAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION. Delhi.

AERO RESEARCH TECHNICAL NOTES. Aero Research, Ltd., Duxford, Cambridge.

ALA BULLETIN. American Library Association, Chicago.

BANK OF MONTREAL: BUSINESS REVIEW.

BARCLAYS BANK REVIEW. Barclays Bank Ltd., London.

BETRO REVIEW. British Export Trade Research Association, London.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC MONTH AT FRANKLIN'S: BIBLIOGRAPHIES, REFERENCE WORKS, PRINTING AND TYPOGRAPHY. Burt Franklin, New York.

BIBLIOGRAPHICAL BULLETIN ON VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE, SELECTION AND TRAINING. International Labour Office, Geneva.

BIBLIOTEKARZ. Zwiazek Bibliotekarzy Polskich i Biblioteke Publicza, Warsaw.

BIM MANAGEMENT ABSTRACTS. The Brit. Institute of Management, London.

BOOK LIST. General Motors Corporation. Research Laboratories, Detroit, Mich.

BOOKS. National Book League, London.

BOOKSELLER. J Whitaker & Sons, London, 1939–

BÖRSENBLATT FÜR DEN DEUTSCHEN BUCHHANDEL. Börsenverein des deutschen Buchhandels, Leipzig, 1946–

BRITISH BOOK NEWS. National Book League, London, 1941–

BRITISH MEDICAL BULLETIN. British Council, Medical Department, London.

BRITISH SCIENCE NEWS. British Council, London.

BULLETIN BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE DES IMPRIMÉS DÉPOSÉS À LA BIBLIOTHÈQUE NATIONALE DE SOFIA. (Text in Bulgarian.)

BULLETIN DE DOCUMENTATION BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE. Bibliothèque Nationale, Paris.

BULLETIN OF THE JOHN RYLANDS LIBRARY. Manchester.

BULLETIN OF THE NEW YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.

BULLETIN. The official journal of the Printing and Kindred Trades Federation, London.

CAHIERS DE LA DOCUMENTATION. L'Association Belge de Documentation, Brussels.

CANNING HOUSE BULLETIN. The Hispanic and Luzo-Brazilian Council, London.

CATERING QUARTERLY. Industrial Catering Association, London.

COLLEGE AND RESEARCH LIBRARIES. American Library Association. Association of College and Research Libraries, Chicago, Ill.

COMMUNICATION. International Association of University Professors and Lecturers, London.

COPYRIGHT BULLETIN. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris.

CROWN. Crown, Cork & Seal Co., Baltimore, M'd., 1943—

CUMULATIVE BOOK INDEX. H. W. Wilson Co., New York, 1945–

CURRENT ENGINEERING LITERATURE. General Motors Corporation. Research Laboratories, Detroit, Mich.

CURRENT LITERATURE. J. Whitaker & Sons, London.

DESIGN. A MONTHLY JOURNAL FOR MANUFACTURERS AND DESIGNERS. The Council of Industrial Design, London.

DEUTSCHE NATIONALBIBLIOGRAPHIE. Börsenverein des deutschen Buchhandels, Leipzig, 1939–

ENDEAVOUR. Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., London.

FAO INFORMATION SERVICE BULLETIN. Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, Washington, D.C.

F.I.D. REVIEW OF DOCUMENTATION. Federation International de la Documentation, The Hague, 1934–

FOOD SCIENCE ABSTRACTS. (Formerly the Index to the Literature of Food Investigation.) Published for the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, H.M.S.O., London.

FUEL ABSTRACTS. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, London.

THE GALPIN SOCIETY JOURNAL. Cambridge.

HOUSING CENTRE BULLETIN. London.

INDIAN ARCHIVES. National Archives of India, New Delhi.

INDIAN LIBRARIAN. Editorial Officer, Talbot House, The Mall, Simla.

INFORMATION. Association of Special Libraries and Information Services, Melbourne.

INFORMATION BULLETIN OF THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS. Washington.

INSTITUTE OF BOOK-KEEPERS' JOURNAL. London.

INTERNATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHY ON INCOME AND WEALTH. International Association for Research in Income and Wealth. United Nations, Statistical Office, New York, N.Y.

I.P.S. JOURNAL. Incorporated Phonographic Society, Croydon, Surrey.

ITEMS. Social Science Research Council, New York.

JOURNAL OF THE BRITISH INTERPLANETARY SOCIETY. London.
JOURNAL OF THE INSTITUTE OF BANKERS. London.
JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL AERONAUTICAL SOCIETY. London.
JOURNAL OF THE ROYAL STATISTICAL SOCIETY. London.
LAND AND LIBERTY. Land and Liberty Press, London.
LIBRARY ASSOCIATION RECORD. London, 1934–
LIBRARY JOURNAL. R. R. Bowker Co., New York.
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS QUARTERLY JOURNAL OF CURRENT ACQUISITIONS. Washington.
LIBRARY QUARTERLY. University of Chicago Press, Chicago.
LIBRARY REVIEW. Editorial Offices, Glasgow, 1941–
LIJST VAN AANWINSTEN DER BIBLIOTHEEK. Centraal Bureau voor de Statistiek, The Hague.
LIJST VAN AANWINSTEN DER BIBLIOTHEEK. N. V. Nederlandsche Spoorwegen, Utrecht.
MANAGEMENT LIBRARY BULLETIN. London.
MICROCARD BULLETIN. The Microcard Foundation, Middletown, Connecticut.
MICROFILM ABSTRACTS. University Microfilms, Ann Arbor, Mich.
MIDLAND BANK REVIEW. London.
MONTHLY LETTER OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS AND GOVERNMENT FINANCE. National City Bank of New York.
NATIONAL COMMISSIONS NEWSLETTER. United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, Paris.
NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK REVIEW. London.
NATURE. Macmillan Co., Ltd., London, 1894–6, 1898, 1900–1, 1903, 1943–
NEW TECHNICAL BOOKS. New York Public Library.
NEWS LETTER. United States Book Exchange, Inc., Washington.
NEWS LETTER. Philadelphia Bibliographical Center and Union Library Catalogue. University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.
NICKEL BULLETIN. Mond Nickel Co., Ltd., London, 1945–
NOUVELLES DE L'ASSOCIATION DES BIBLIOTHÈCAIRES SUISSES ET DE L'ASSOCIATION SUISSE DE DOCUMENTATION. Bibliotheque Nationale, Berne.
OFFICE CONTROL AND MANAGEMENT. Gee & Co., London.
PHILOBIBLION. National Central Library, Nanking.
PHYSIOTHERAPY. Chartered Society of Physiotherapy, London.
PLANNING. Political and Economic Planning, London, 1934– (1946 missing).
POWER TRANSMISSION. Trade and Technical Press, London.
POWERS MAGAZINE. Powers-Samas Accounting Machines, London.
QUARTERLY BULLETIN OF THE CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION, Ottawa.
REVUE BIBLIOGRAPHIQUE ET STATISTIQUE DE LA PRESS BELGE. (*Supplement* of Cahiers de la Documentation) Association Belge de Documentation, Brussels.
R.I.B.A. LIBRARY BULLETIN. Royal Institute of British Architects, London.
RUBBER DEVELOPMENTS. British Rubber Development Board, London.
DAS SCHWEIZER BUCH. (Series A: fortnightly; series B: monthly.) Schweizerische Nationalbibliothek, Bern.
SCIENCE MUSEUM LIBRARY, London. Monthly List of Accessions.
SCIENCE PROGRESS. E. Arnold & Co., London.
SCIENTIFIC WORKER. Association of Scientific Workers, Editorial Offices, London.
SEAFARER. Seafarers Educational Service, London.
SOUTH AFRICAN ARCHITECTURAL RECORD. Cape, Natal, Orange Free State and Transvaal Provincial Institutes of South African Architects and the Chapter of South African Quantity Surveyors, Johannesburg.
SOUTH AFRICAN LIBRARIES. South African Library Association, Pretoria.
SPANISH CULTURAL INDEX. Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cultural Relations Department, Madrid.
SPECIAL LIBRARIES. Special Libraries Association, New York, 1910–
STATE LIBRARIAN. The Circle of State Librarians, London.
THE TABULATOR: A BULLETIN DEVOTED TO HOLLERITH PUNCH-CARD ACCOUNTING. The British Tabulating Machine Co., Ltd., London.
TECHNICAL BOOK REVIEW INDEX. Special Libraries Association, New York, 1945–
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Admiralty (Salvage Dept.): now Rex House, Regent Street, S.W.1. The Director of Boom Defences succeeds Capt. Polland.
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Mimeographed Documents of the Economic and Social Council and the Commissions of the Economic and Social Council, complete series June 1948—June 1949. Apply to Librarian, *The Financial Times*, 72 Coleman Street, London, E.C.2. Telephone MONarch 8833.

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Nature, 1947. July, Vol. 160, No. 4054. Trans. Far. Soc. 1936. Vol. 32. 1937. Vol. 33. 1938 Vol. 34. Librarian, Monsanto Chemicals Ltd., Ruabon, Wrexham, Denbighshire.

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The New Aslib Elects its Council

The first General Meeting of the new Aslib was held on the 19th August, 1949, and the following nominations for election were ratified :

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Three members of Council are to be appointed by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in accordance with the new constitution of Aslib. Their names will be announced later.

Chairman of Council :

The Chairman of the Aslib Council must be elected at the first meeting of the new Council.

Aslib Northern Branch

The Northern Branch Committee is intending to arrange a meeting in Birmingham during the 1949–50 Session and wishes to test the feeling of members as to the desirability of forming a new Branch in the Midlands. Those interested are invited to join in a discussion during the Ashorne Hill Conference, 9th-11th September, on the time, date and place of the proposed meeting. The time and place of this preliminary discussion will be announced at Ashorne Hill. Any members who are unable to attend this discussion are invited to send their comments or suggestions to the Hon. Secretary of the Northern Branch, Miss L. Wolff, 2 Scarsdale Road, Victoria Park, Manchester, 11.

London Meetings of Aslib, 1949-1950

Members are asked to note in their diaries the following dates of Aslib meetings which will be held at 5.30 p.m. at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, by kind permission of the President and Council of the Institution:

Wednesday, 5th October, 1949
Wednesday, 2nd November, 1949
Friday, 2nd December, 1949
Friday, 6th January, 1950
Friday, 3rd February, 1950
Wednesday, 8th March, 1950

Particulars of the subjects and speakers will be circulated later.

An Offer

Mr. Milton Lord, Librarian of Boston, Massachusetts, and President Elect of the American Library Association, recently visited the Aslib office, Together with other distinguished American librarians he was making a flying trip round the world on behalf of the Library of Congress.

He had been briefed to ask the assistance of Aslib in the arrangement of exchanges between the Library of Congress and members of Aslib, the Library having experienced difficulty in obtaining a comprehensive collection of the publications of British Institutions, Organizations and Learned Societies and, especially, in ensuring the regular supply of their periodicals. In return the Library of Congress offers in exchange not only its own publications but also selected United States Government serials.

We have undertaken the task of collecting the offers of exchanges from members, and it is for this reason that we are enclosing a short form with this issue. Please return these forms to Aslib, and we will send them together to the Library of Congress, where they will be specially noted. All correspondence thereafter will take place directly between the Library of Congress and the member concerned in each exchange.

It may not be generally known that U.S. Government publications may be obtained by way of exchange with the Library of Congress, as well as the Library's own publications. A list of the publications of the Library of Congress in each year is usually to be found in the *Annual Report of the Librarian of Congress.*

American Copyright

We have received from the Information and Publications Office of the Library of Congress the following notice of change in the copyright law of the United States of America:

On 31d June, 1949, H.R. 2285 became effective as Public Law 84, amending sections 16, 22, 23, and 215 of Title 17 of the United States Code.

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2. It extends the period for *ad interim* registration of a book or periodical in the English language from sixty days to six months after first publication abroad. It extends the period for the manufacture of such a book or periodical in the United States from four months after registration to five years after first publication abroad.

3. It permits the importation into the United States of 1,500 copies, in one or more shipments, of a book or periodical of foreign origin in the English language during the five years after first publication abroad. This privilege applies only to works that have already been registered under the new law for *ad interim* copyright within six months of publication and is in addition to the copies allowed to be imported by other provisions of the copyright law. The Copyright Office is working on regulations to facilitate such importations. *Books or periodicals so imported must bear a valid United States copyright notice.*

NOTES

Translations and Translating in the U.S.A.

The problem of finding a translator specially qualified to undertake a particular technical translation, and of discovering whether a translation of a particular paper has already been made, exists in the U.S.A. as well as in Great Britain. It is therefore of interest to note that the Special Libraries Association, in conjunction with the South-western Research Institute, has set up machinery to deal with both aspects of the problem. A Translations Pool has been in existence since 1945, recording the existence of technical translations within private files in the U.S. and the conditions of their loan or purchase; particulars of about 3,000 translations have already been indexed. Now a Directory of Translators has also been established, by the Science-Technology Group of the S.L.A., which operates as a free service to bring together clients having translation problems and language specialists competent in various subject fields in science and technology. Both services are under the management of Mr. Wayne Kalenich, Librarian of the South-western Research Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

Visual Aids in Education

Those who are interested in the increasing use of film in education may like to know that, with its fourth issue (May, 1949), the *Bulletin* of the National Committee for Visual Aids in Education has become an eight-page printed pamphlet. It is obtainable from the Committee at 79 Wimpole Street, London, W.1.

We have seen the prospectus (but not so far an actual copy) of the *Visual Aid Year Book,* 1949, published by the School-aid department of the *Daily Mail.* This is a 256-page book containing both articles and information on sources of supply of filmstrips, maps, models, slides, prints, etc. It is priced at *4s. 6d.*

A Magazine in Microcards

A press release from New York draws attention to the fact that, for the first time in magazine history, a news magazine will be presented in both microcard and microfilm editions simultaneously with the regular edition. This is the *Newsweek,* published at 152 West 42nd Street, New York 18, N.Y. The microcards will be distributed weekly on 3in. by 5in. cards; the microfilm edition will be available semi-annually in 100ft. rolls. The cost of each type of micro edition will be the same as the present price of the *Newsweek* bound volume, i.e. $15 p.a.

Local Information

Bermondsey Public Libraries are to be congratulated on their enterprise in compiling and issuing *The Social Services of Bermondsey. An ABC guide.* This a 48-page pamphlet listing, in alphabetical order, the names, addresses and other particulars of the social organizations in the Borough. When the headquarters of an organization lies outside the area, the main address is given followed by the particulars of the local branch or representative with short explanatory notes where necessary. There are also full lists of the names and addresses of the members of the Borough Council, the local Trades Council, etc. In short, it contains a wealth of useful information.

FIAT Reviews

The following additional titles are now available from the Aslib Library: ALWIN WALTHER: Applied Mathematics, Part V; H. V. WISSMANN: Geography, Parts I, III, and IV; KARL HERMAN SCHEUMANN: Petrography, Part I: Minerals, and Part II: Minerals and Ores.

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Periodicals Wanted

Chemistry and Industry, Jan. 18, 1948. No. 2. Librarian, Monsanto Chemicals Ltd., Ruabon, Wrexham, Denbighshire.

Widmann, W. "Samson und Dalila in der dramatischen Ditchtung" in *Schwabischer Merkur*, Nr. 564 (1911).

Already tried, NCL, BM, Dr. Williams, Studio Tecnico.

Periodicals for Sale

Science Abstracts, Section A 1918 to 1947, Section B 1918, 1939, 1940. *American Institute of Electrical Engineers*, 1940 to 1948 inclusive. *Journal of Institute of Electrical Engineers*, 1939 to 1948, Part I. *Physical Society Journal*, 1948. *Journal of Scientific Instruments*, Vols. 12–25, 1937 to 1948. *Bell Telephone Journal*, various copies 1930 to 1935. *Bell Telephone Quarterly*, various copies 1930 to 1936. *Bell Telephone Record*, various books on Radio, Electricity, etc. All the above at two-thirds of published prices. Box No. 54.

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The 1949 Annual Conference

The Aslib conference at Ashorne Hill, near Leamington Spa, 9th to 11th September, was a success! The weather was splendid, the accommodation was full to capacity, Colonel and Mrs. Alexander, as our host and hostess, worked their usual miracle of smooth organization, the sessions were full of interest but were lightened by laughter—Mr. J. F. Stanley worked his magic and Mr. J. E. Wright organized the reception and informal dance which successfully broke the ice in the first few hours. The President, Dr. Percy Dunsheath, opened the conference with a direct and stirring speech on the importance of our national scientific libraries to the recovery of Britain; Mr. C. Le Maistre reminded us, on the second day, of the value of international contacts in documentation.

We need not summarize the rest of the papers here, for all members received the programme. It has been decided that the account of the annual conference, the papers and summaries of the ensuing discussions, will be published in the last issue of the 1949 volume of *Aslib Proceedings* and can then be read at leisure by all. Before this brief account is closed, however, the Aslib office staff would like to pay special tribute to the members of the Conference Committee and to those loyal "back-room" workers who rendered such yeoman service. In particular we would like to thank Mrs. A. M. Heathcote for help in reporting the discussions; Mr. B. W. S. Challans and Mr. R. Ridgewell for transporting and organizing the exhibition, the rota of stewards who gave up their time to watch over it, and to Mr. Hyams and his staff who so kindly reproduced for us all the lists of delegates.

The Conference Committee would be very glad to receive, as soon as possible, criticisms, comments and suggestions on the organization in general from those who attended this year's Conference, so that these may be considered when the Committee begins this autumn its preparations for next year's Conference. It is hoped that the 1950 Annual Conference will be held at Bristol University, where accommodation has already been reserved for the week-end of September 22nd, 23rd and 24th.

Sir Reginald Stradling

Members will be sorry to know that our previous President, Sir Reginald Stradling, C.B., M.C., D.Sc., F.R.S., M.I.C.E., has had, for health reasons, to resign his appointment at the Ministry of Works. We are, however, glad to know that he has been offered and has accepted a part-time post under the War Office as Dean of the Military College of Science, Shrivenham, near Swindon, Wilts.

A World Conference on Librarianship and Bibliography

The Third International Congress on Librarianship and Bibliography, organized by the International Federation of Library Associations (I.F.L.A.) with the support of the International Federation for Documentation (I.F.D.), will be held in the United States in October, 1950. The autumn of 1950 will also be the occasion of celebrations commemorating the foundation of the Library of Congress and of the annual meeting of the American Library Association. There will, therefore, be a concatenation of library interests and the opportunity is being taken to prepare a comprehensive survey of existing bibliographical services in the hope of reaching some decisions on methods for their improvement and co-ordination.

The organization of this survey is in the hands of a Unesco/Library of Congress Planning Group and so far two reports on their proceedings have been issued. The *First Interim Report* by Kathrine Oliver Murra was issued in June, 1949, and circulated both as an Appendix to the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, 5-11th July, 1949, and directly by Unesco. Copies of it were available at the Aslib Annual Conference in September. It is an introduction to the problem and an outline of the purpose of the Planning Group's activities. The *Second Interim Report*, a document of 57 pages, is issued as an Appendix to the *Library of Congress Information Bulletin*, 13-19th September, 1949, and is also available directly from Unesco. This second report is similarly compiled by Kathrine Oliver Murra and is a progress report on the preparation of the working paper for the 1950 international conferences. It presents a preliminary outline of the working paper together with a small portion of the text which has been completed. In common with the documents prepared by Unesco for their Conference on Scientific Abstracting, this report starts with a definition and elaboration of terms—a most necessary preliminary in any document intended for international discussion. Following the outline of the working paper some tentative conclusions are set out which should provide useful material for consideration by national groups. These conclusions, in the main, pinpoint the most urgent types of work that should be done in preparation for the 1950 meetings if they are to bear any useful fruit. They are grouped under such headings as: Research in areas indicated below is urgently needed . . .; Tools needed to implement this research are: —; data needed. The report includes an Appendix on "Current complete national bibliography—the development of a concept" and a bibliography of 108 items.

Fair Copying

All members who have experienced the irritating delays consequent upon the necessity of obtaining permission to make photo-copies of copyright material, will have been interested in the *Fair Copying Declaration* drawn up by the Royal Society. This was a direct result of the Royal Society's Scientific Information Conference in 1948. The text of the declaration was published in *Nature,* Volume 164, No. 4163, 13th August, 1949, pp. 289–90. The list of societies and publishers which have signed the Declaration so far is given below. Others who wish to sign it, are invited to inform the Assistant Secretary, The Royal Society, Burlington House, London, W.1. A revised list will be issued from time to time and will be sent automatically if a request is made to the Assistant Secretary.

Anatomical Society of Great Britain and Ireland.
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Biochemical Society.
British Association of Dermatology and Syphilis.
British Astronomical Association.
British Grassland Society.
British Horological Institute.
British Institute of Radiology.
British Museum (Natural History).
British Mycological Society.
British Society of Soil Science.
Bristol Naturalists' Society.
Butterworth's Scientific Publications.
Cambridge Philosophical Society.
Cambridge University Press (in respect of *Parasitology* and of the *Journal of Hygiene*).
Chemical Society.
Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux.
Empire Forestry Association.
Faraday Society.
Geographical Association.
Geological Society of London.
Geologists' Association, London.
Hertfordshire Natural History Society and Field Club.
His Majesty's Stationery Office.
Illuminating Engineering Society.
Industrial Diamond Information Bureau.
Institute of British Surgical Technicians.
Institute of Fuel.
Institute of Petroleum.
Institute of Physics.
Institute of Road Transport Engineers.
Institution of Electrical Engineers.
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Library Association.
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Manchester Literary and Philosophical Society.
Marine Biological Association of the United Kingdom.
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Medical Research Council of Ireland.
Medical Society for the Study of Venereal Diseases.
Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh.
Mineralogical Society.
N.A.G. Press.
Nature.
North-East Coast Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders.
Nutrition Society.
Palæontographical Society of Great Britain and Ireland.
Physical Society.
Physiological Society.
Quarterly Journal of Experimental Psychology.
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Zoological Society of London.

Japanese Periodicals

Aslib is beginning to receive inquiries from its members as to the availability of Japanese scientific and technical periodicals. The following information which Aslib has received from Japan may be of interest to librarians interested in Japanese material :

Subject to availability of the back numbers, it is possible to obtain war-time and post-war issues of Japanese scientific and technical periodicals. The mailing of scientific journals to and from Japan can be accomplished through the international mails, and direct communication with learned societies or publishers is possible through the same channel.

General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers, encourage the exchange of British publications for Japanese periodicals. Exchanges can be made directly with Japanese learned societies or publishers or can be arranged through the National Diet Library, International Exchange Service, Tokyo -to, Minato-ku, Akasaka, 1-chome, 1. If direct subscriptions are preferred, remittances may be made in United States dollars or pound sterling. The cheque should be made payable to the "SCAP Commercial Account" and sent to the Japanese society or publisher. Japanese parties to whom such

cheques are sent should be reminded that yen conversion may be accomplished upon presentation at a Japanese bank.

Detailed information regarding the publications and war-time publication schedules of sixty important Japanese scientific and technical societies may be obtained from *Science and Technology in Japan*, Report No. 20, published by the Economic and Scientific Section, General Headquarters, Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers. Requests for this report should be sent through the United Kingdom Liaison Mission in Tokyo.

Aslib would be interested to know how many libraries are now regularly receiving Japanese material and whether those wishing to consult such publications are experiencing any great difficulties in locating them.

Aslib Winter Meetings

The subject of the meeting to be held on Wednesday, 2nd November, 1949, will be "Scientific information". Those who want to know more about the activities of the "King Committee" and those who are interested in the practical results of the Royal Society's 1948 Scientific Information Conference, should make a point of attending. One speaker will be Dr. Alexander King, Chairman of the Technical Information Services Panel of the Research and Productivity Committee of the Advisory Council on Scientific Policy: the other will be Dr. D. C. Martin, Assistant Secretary of the Royal Society.

The meeting will be held at 5.30 p.m. at the Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2. Members are reminded that the next of the winter meetings will be on Friday, 2nd December.

D.S.I.R. Activities

A meeting of special interest to Aslib members will be held by the Reference Group of the London and Home Counties Branch of the Library Association at St. Marylebone Central Reference Library, Marylebone Road, London, N.W.1, on Wednesday, 30th November, at 7 p.m. At this meeting Dr. Urquhart will be speaking on the scope and activities of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research. Those who wish to attend should notify the Hon. Secretary, Mr. K. A. Mallaber, F.L.A., Central Reference Library, St. Martin's Street, W.C.2, by 25th November at the latest, in order that they may receive descriptive material in advance of the actual meeting. St. Marylebone Public Library is one of the latest library buildings to be erected and is unusually well planned and equipped; it is only a few yards from Baker Street Station.

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Changes of Name, Address and Aslib Representative

Admiralty Centre for Scientific Information and Liaison Library: now Queen Anne's Mansions, S.W.1.

Institute of Psycho-analysis: Miss R. Drescher succeeds Dr. J. Rickman.

Centre d'Etudes et Recherches Psychotechniques: correspondence to A.N.I.F.R.M.O. (pour C.E.R.P.), 3 Boulevard Kellermann, Paris XIII, France.

Electric and Musical Industries Ltd.: Mr. P. U. Criticos succeeds Miss Spellman.

Evans, Ivor B. N.: now 23 Roland Gardens, S.W.7.

Inter-University Council for Higher Education in the Colonies: now 1 Gordon Square, W.C.1.

John Innes Horticultural Institution: now Bayfordbury, Hertford, Herts.

Leckie, Dr. J.: now 77 Fountainhall Road, Aberdeen, Scotland.

Leicester University College: Miss C. W. J. Higson succeeds Mr. A. M. Kean.

London University Appointments Board: Mr. H. R. Walters succeeds Mr. L. E. Ball.

Physical Research Laboratory: now Navrangpura, Ahmedabad 9, India: Mr. K. R. Ramnathan succeeds Dr. V. A. Sarabhai.

Victoria Public Library: Mr. C. A. McCallum succeeds Mr. E. R. Pitt.

Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a woman between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order,* 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

Situations Vacant

A Library Assistant is required to take charge, under direction, of a small medical library including collections of lantern slides and medical specimens. Applicants should have passed the Library Association's examination in classification and cataloguing and should be accurate typists. Experience in a special library, some knowledge of biological science or medicine or one or more foreign languages would be advantageous. Salary on the scale £360 × £15—£405. Applications accompanied by copies of testimonials should be sent to the Secretary, The Institute of Cancer Research, The Royal Cancer Hospital, Fulham Road, London, S.W.3.

Periodicals for Sale

H.M. Stationery Office has for sale small stocks of certain Journals of the House of Lords and of the House of Commons. Librarians wishing to reconstitute war-damaged sets or to make good deficiences in series of these Journals are requested to notify their requirements to the Director of Publications (S.P.), H.M. Stationery Office, 429 Oxford Street, W.1.

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Retirement of the Director

The following message from the Honorary Officers was circulated to members as a supplementary notice inserted in the October issue of this bulletin :

> All members of Aslib will learn with very deep regret that Miss Ditmas has decided to retire from her post as Director. Miss Ditmas, who has carried an increasingly heavy double burden of administrative and technical work, has wished for some time to be able to devote more time to study and research, and she feels that now that the new Aslib has come into existence, and the generosity of the D.S.I.R. makes it possible to think of reorganization on a large scale, this is a suitable moment to make the change.
>
> The Council is giving its urgent attention to the question of a new appointment.

Although her formal resignation should have taken effect from 1st January, 1950, the Director has, at the request of the Council, agreed to continue in office until the end of February, 1950, thus allowing more time for the choice and appointment of a successor.

Northern Branch

Report of the Manchester Meeting, by Mr. R. Brightman :

Sir Charles G. Renold presided over a meeting of the Northern Branch held at the Central Library, Manchester, on 28th October, when Mr. A. D. Butchart, of the Manchester Joint Research Council, presented a paper on " Information Work in the Small Firm ".

Mr. Butchart referred to an investigation into the " reception, absorption, and application of scientific information and knowledge by industry " which was being carried out by a team of men with industrial research and management experience. A cross-section of some 300/400 firms was being asked to collaborate, and although some of the information would be obtained by direct question and answer, much could only be elicited by personal contact with the staff. The interviewer would then discuss with his team colleagues his findings, and, if necessary, another colleague might visit the firm to record his impressions.

Mr. Butchart then considered, more particularly, the problem of securing a wider use of existing scientific knowledge by the very small firm. Some 90 per cent of industrial firms in this country employed less than fifty workers, and firms of this size could not maintain a special Research or Development Department. The first essential seemed to Mr. Butchart to be to encourage the managements of such firms to find out just what they were doing. Why they were doing it was summed up in the word " tradition ". He suggested that an easy point of entry would be to attack such matters as coal consumption, but the introduction of men with scientific training and outlook into such firms presented a real problem, although there were several ways in which it might be solved. In any event the first step would be to convince the Board of Directors of the real need in each firm for men of sound training who are competent to determine the true efficiency of plant and processes, to show up weaknesses and apply the remedies. When this had been done the small firm would require to be shown how to use a scientific library, and Mr. Butchart, in conclusion, suggested that there was real need for scientific publications less obtuse than the periodicals of the learned societies, and yet considerably above the level of the popular press.

Some discussion on this latter point followed, and attention was also called to the necessity of there being available, for small firms which could maintain no more than a collection of desk books themselves, district or regional libraries which could meet their needs.

Following Mr. Butchart's paper, Mr. E. N. Simons, of Messrs. Edgar Allen & Co., Limited, Sheffield, presented a paper on " How the Manufacturer can help the Librarian ", in which he limited himself to a survey of Trade Literature, stressing its importance as a means of obtaining up-to-date scientific and technical data. Much of this data had not yet found its way into the scientific and technical press, much less into the text-books. There was some discussion as to the origin of such Trade Literature. Although the mass had come from America, it was pointed out that the original Technical Service Literature had emanated earlier in Germany. The historical value of such literature, and particularly the brochures commemorating Anniversaries, was also stressed in the discussion.

Next Branch Meeting

A Northern Branch Meeting will be held in the Hornby Library, William Brown Street, Liverpool, 3, at 2.30 p.m. on Friday, 9th December, 1949. Two papers will be presented; one by Mr. S. C. Jennings of Dunlop on " The organization of works visits ", and the other by Mr. E. N. Simons of Edgar Allen on " The Preparation of Technical Literature ". Mr. R. Brightman will be in the Chair.

Prevention of Book Mildew

The Printing, Packaging and Allied Trades Research Association has issued, as *Patra Bulletin* No. 8, July 1949, " The Cause of Mildew on Books and Methods of Prevention ", by F. D. Armitage, F.R.P.S., F.R.M.S., F.L.S. These Bulletins are normally confidential to members of Patra and are not on sale, but because there has been a considerable demand for this booklet, and because of its general interest, it has been made available to non-members of Patra provided that they are not eligible for membership of that Research Association. The price to these non-members is 5*s*. per copy.

Patra has generously decided to make a further concession to libraries where the publication is required for the use of the library staff only, and is not to be put on the public shelves. In these cases copies will be supplied at a specially reduced price of 1*s.* per copy. Applications should be sent direct to Patra House, Randalls Road, Leatherhead, Surrey.

Devaluation and Special Librarians

The following letter has been sent to Aslib by the Booksellers Association of Great Britain and Ireland :

You will appreciate that the recent change in the dollar rate of exchange has made it necessary for booksellers in this country to increase their charges for American books. In our letter to you of 28th March, 1949, it was stated that small quantities of books secured direct from America at a normal discount were normally charged at the rate of 6*s.* equal to one dollar. At a meeting called to discuss this point on 5th October, it was agreed that this rate would have to be increased forthwith to 8*s.* This will cover cost of postage of the book from U.S.A., the order and remittance, and also the cost of remittance, whether by cheque or by any other method. The charges on publications purchased through wholesalers in this country and on pamphlets where the cost to the bookseller is little less and sometimes more than the full published price, will sometimes exceed this rate of 8*s.* to one dollar.

We are glad to call attention also to the following concession in subscription renewal charges made by the H. W. Wilson Company of New York :

In order to mitigate the effect of the sudden change in exchange values on overseas subscribers, the directors of the H. W. Wilson Company have authorized a 20 per cent " exchange allowance " on subscription renewals in countries whose currencies have been substantially devalued. This exchange allowance will be applicable to renewals billed during the year beginning September 1949. It will not be applicable to new subscriptions or other orders but only to subscription renewals.

By granting this exchange allowance to subscribers in the sterling area and other affected countries, the unexpected increase in the cost of subscription renewals will be reduced by about two-thirds.

Since the Wilson Company's subscription rates are based on its own dollar costs, it is understandable that the reduction in favour of this group of subscribers cannot be permanent. The Company regrets that it cannot offer this special allowance for more than one year but trusts that it will be of service during this critical period.

An Important New British Standard

Notice has been received from the British Standards Institution of the revised British Standard Packaging Code (B.S.1133), introductory sections of which are now available from the British Standards Institution, 24/28 Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1.

The sections now available are the first three which are grouped together as " Introduction to packaging " and cover : (1) Choice of containers and methods of packaging ; (2) Storage of containers and packaging materials ; (3) Addressing, marking and identification. Particulars as to further sections which are nearing completion can be obtained from the British Standards Institution.

Durability of Biro Pen Ink

Librarians who have been scared by tales of the impermanence of the ink supplied with ball-pointed pens in their early days will be reassured by the following note which has been sent to us through the kindness of the Librarian of the Royal Institute of International Affairs :

In the *Law Society's Gazette* for July 1949 (p. 195) it is stated that " the Registrar General has officially recommended the 31B ink manufactured by the Miles-Martin Pen Co., Ltd., for Biro pens, as being a suitable ink for registration purposes ".

This 31B record ink is obtainable on demand as a refill for all Biro pens. It is, in fact, the " black " ink supplied in black Biros including Biro Minors.

Sale of Oversea Standards in the United Kingdom

It appears that it is not sufficiently well known that the British Standards Institution acts as the agent in the United Kingdom of all oversea national standards organizations.

At the present time, when every possible avenue for export is being explored, many concerns write direct to standards organizations oversea, only to be referred to the B.S.I.

Both time and money will be saved by applying to the British Standards Institution, 24/28 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1, for all information regarding standards, both home and oversea.

Aslib Winter Meetings

As already announced through the notice circulated with the October issue of *Aslib Information*, the meeting to be held on Friday, 2nd December, 1949, will be " Unesco/Library of Congress-Bibliographical Survey ". The discussion will be opened by Mr. Geoffrey Woledge, Librarian of the British Library of Political and Economic Science.

The meeting on Friday, 6th January, 1950, will be " Forms of Questionnaires : the effect of drafting on the results obtained ". It is hoped to be able to circulate details of the speakers with this issue of the bulletin.

The meetings as usual will be held at 5.30 p.m., at The Institution of Electrical Engineers, Savoy Place, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C.2.

Lectures at the R.S.A.

The list of lectures to be given at the Royal Society of Arts during the 1949–50 session is now available. As usual the subjects cover such a wide field that there is sure to be something of interest to everybody. " The influence of the graphic artist on films ", by Edward Carrick (Jan. 18), " The post-war position of the provincial press ", by W. L. Andrews (Feb. 15), and " Chemistry as a cultural instrument ", by John Read (Mar. 22), are titles taken at random. Non-members of the Society can obtain tickets on application to the Secretary, John Adam Street, Adelphi, London, W.C.2.

Swedish Training in Documentation

The course for industrial librarians arranged by the Swedish Association for technical documentation (Tekniska litteratursällskapet) at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm, from 29th August to 24th September last, was intended to create a standard education for librarians currently employed in industrial libraries. Chief subjects were cataloguing, classification, bibliography, and reference research. Out of a course attendance of thirty, twenty came from outside Stockholm.

Book Notes

La Documentation Française. Journaux et publications paraissant en France. No. 1. Presse Parisienne (Quotidiens et hebdomadaires); Presse étrangère. 39 pp. 80*fr*. No. 2. Presse Parisienne (Périodicités diverses). 108 pp. 200*fr*. No. 3. Presse de Province (Périodicités diverses). 169 pp. 300*fr*. Paris: La Documentation Française, 1947.

Those who know the usefulness of *Willing's Press Guide* will welcome these publications which perform a similar service with regard to the newspaper and periodical publications appearing in France. As indicated by the titles, No. 1 covers daily and weekly publications printed in Paris, and periodicals in foreign languages published in France. No. 2 covers periodicals published in Paris other than daily or weekly, and No. 3 covers the provincial periodicals.

Mary Parker Follett. Freedom and co-ordination: lectures in business organization. Edited, with an introduction by L. Urwick. London: Management Publications Trust, Ltd., 1949. 89 pp. 5*s*.

The first of the six lectures printed in this book was given in New York in 1926. The remaining five lectures were delivered in February, 1933, and contain much of the material used by Mary Follett in her lectures on business administration which were published in *Dynamic Administration* in 1941 and '42. The five lectures themselves, however, were not included in *Dynamic Administration* and represent a somewhat later arrangement of the author's thought. The material given in this little booklet has not therefore appeared in print in this country before, and admirers of Mary Parker Follett will doubtless appreciate the opportunity of reading them.

Library Association. County Libraries Section. Readers' guide to books on agriculture. London: Library Association, 1949. 56 pp. (New series No. 4.)

We have pleasure in drawing the attention of Aslib members to the series of Readers' Guides now being issued by the Library Association. The New Series (No. 4) is on agriculture and is arranged under broad subject headings. Thus Part 1, "Background to Farming", has four sections covering General agriculture; The history of agriculture; Farming overseas; General agricultural science. Other main headings include The Soil; The Plant; Farm Animals; Mechanised Agriculture and Farm Structures; Agricultural Products; Agricultural Economics; and Farm Education.

The Hansard Society Bibliographies. Select bibliographies compiled by Sydney D. Bailey on Parliamentary Government. No. 1. Parliamentary government in South Africa; No. 2. Parliamentary government in New Zealand; No. 3. Parliamentary government in Canada; No. 4. Parliamentary government in Australia; No. 5. Parliamentary government in India. London: The Society, 1949. (Mimeographed.) 3*d*. each.

The Society defines itself as "an educational society for spreading information about parliamentary government". The Chairman and Hon. Director is Commander Stephen King-Hall.

Vera Douie, *comp*. The professional position of women: a world survey immediately preceding World War II. London: British Federation of Business and Professional Women, 1947. 78 pp. 10*s*.

This survey was prepared as the basis of the work of the Commission on the Status of Women of the United Nations Organization, and attempts to present in a simple and graphic form the relevant sections contained in Madame Thibert's classic work "The Law and Women's Work". The compilation has been made by Miss Vera Douie, Librarian to The London and National Society of Women's Service. The sections are illustrated by maps, showing by green and red labels those countries in which women had complete equality of status with men, or were employed only in the lower grades of work.

Wiener Library. Books on persecution, terror and resistance in Nazi Germany. London: The Library, 1949. 51 pp. (Catalogue series No. 1.) 2*s*. 6*d*.

This is the first of a series of part-catalogues to the resources of the Wiener Library. Each is intended to serve as a bibliography on a small special subject, and can be regarded and used as a reference tool. To facilitate this, many titles will appear in more than one of the catalogues. The Foreword to this booklet gives particulars of five bibliographies in the Wiener Library which give additional information on this same subject. The six-page index facilitates the use of this book list.

FIAT Reviews

The following additional title is now available from the Aslib Library: Friedrich Hermann Rein, Physiology Part III—Animal Physiology and Physiology of Perception.

Recent Papers

*Items marked with an asterisk are not available from the Aslib library.

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Assistance Board: now National Assistance Board, 30 Old Burlington Street, W.1.

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Members' Advertisements

None of the post vacant or post wanted advertisements in this column apply to a man between the ages of 18 *and* 50 *inclusive, or a women between the ages of* 18 *and* 40 *inclusive, unless he or she is excepted from the provisions of the Control of Engagement Order,* 1947, *or the vacancy is for employment excepted from the provisions of that Order.*

Periodicals Wanted

The Library of the Royal Institute of International Affairs would be glad to receive a copy of *Board of Trade Journal*, 23 February, 1939. The same Library has for sale a large double-sided periodicals rack which may be inspected on application to the Librarian.

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New Year Message

Owing to unforeseen circumstances this bulletin cannot reach members in time to send them Christmas greetings but we can and do wish each and all happiness and prosperity in 1950.

Four Homes

Christmas is a time for memories and this year, on the eve of departure, I would like to revive some scenes from Aslib's past.

Aslib has had a number of homes but of these I propose to write about only those four which I have personally known. When I first joined the Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux in 1933 it was housed in a single room on the third floor of 16 Russell Square, London, W.C.1. It was a low-ceilinged room on the nursery floor, about twelve feet square and with a single window looking out on to the magnificent plane trees of one of London's finest squares. I never think of the Russell Square office without remembering those trees, the cool depths of their foliage on drowsy summer afternoons, the delicate tracery of their branches in winter. Far below them, within the barriers of stout iron railings and locked gates, promenaded the "residents" of the Square, usually a group of uniformed Nannies in charge of prams and toddling children, more often than not accompanied by a yapping, overfed pekinese. The scene exists only in memory now. The house was pulled down after war damage, a flying bomb thinned the plane trees, the railings of the Square went to make munitions and the Square itself, taken over by the Holborn Borough Council, is now a public garden open to all.

My second dominant recollection of the Russell Square office is that of over-crowding. Though there were then only two of us on the staff, the furniture belonged to more spacious days when the *Aslib Directory* was being compiled with the help of a generous grant from the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust. Three wooden cupboards, two large desks and three filing cabinets of assorted sizes, to say nothing of bales of sundry publications, left so little floor space that on the occasion when, after a street accident, my assistant started to faint there was no room on the floor and I had to clear the top of the desks to make a place on which she could lie.

It was at Russell Square, too, that I had my first real education into the language of initials. It must be remembered that my predecessor was so ill when I took over the job that he had never been able to explain the files, and his typist, who was my only assistant, resolutely refused to have anything to do with anything not written in plain English. Indeed, in my first few weeks as General Secretary, the telephone became an instrument of torture providing unlimited traps for the unwary. I well recollect the occasion when, already tired by a heavy day, I was called to answer it once more and a voice said: "Don't forget the joint meeting of Aslib and the B.S.I.B. on Wednesday." In answer to a timid question I learned that the mystic symbols stood for the British Society for International Bibliography but still no light dawned on my bewildered mind. "What about it?" I asked in desperation. "You're the secretary," said the unknown voice coldly—an item of information which had been overlooked when I had been introduced to my duties. Thereafter I spent two nerve-wracking days being initiated into the U.D.C., which could be the C.D.U., the I.I.D., which had been the I.I.B. and which appeared to have some connection with the I.I.C.I. and the U.F.O.D. The correspondence and publications which might have explained much to me were ultimately discovered in a cupboard of which the doors could not be opened without moving most of the furniture—but that was some time later.

In 1933, hard hit by the financial slump, Aslib was at the nadir of its fortunes with a membership of less than 300. In 1936 it had made sufficient recovery to permit removal to two rooms at 31 Museum Street, still in the Bloomsbury area. Space was more than doubled, we had two proper bookcases to house our growing collection of reference books, and as General Secretary I had a room to myself. I should mention that this condition lasted a very short time, but it was a proud moment when my assistant was first able to say: "Hold the line a moment while I put you through to the Secretary." The communicating door was generally open but we had an electric bell by which, in theory, we could each summon the other in case of emergency. On the only occasion on which it might have been justified it was forgotten. The door was closed but a crescendo of voices on the far side told me that all was not well. I flung the door open, just in time to see my assistant cowering under the uplifted umbrella of a female lunatic. My sudden entrance halted the blow. In stentorian tones I demanded: "And what, pray, is the meaning of this?" Some echo of long-past school days must have pierced the clouded brain—the umbrella was lowered and, quite deflated, our visitor made off at top speed. Visibly shaken, my assistant emerged from under the desk, and we pondered again rather ruthfully on the strange attraction which Aslib seemed to exercise on the cranks of both sexes, of which Bloomsbury seemed to have more than its fair share. Indeed, looking down from our second-floor windows, Museum Street with its bookshops and antiquarian jewellers presented a scene of continual interest, and, during the summer months, one as cosmopolitan as any in Soho.

The war came, and with it a grim period at the Aslib office. First one and then the other assistant left to take up work of national importance, and for the winter of 1940 I was left to carry on alone with the aid of Mr. Start, the 70-year-old caretaker in the building who acted as office-boy and guarded the correspondence on those days when I could not reach the office. The front windows were blown in, the back narrowly escaped destruction by fire which burnt out a neighbouring building; for a period there was neither gas nor water in the district, and we were fed at lunch by meals cooked on improvised braziers and oil stoves. Broken glass was piled along the edges of the pavement like drifts of discoloured snow, and each day the bus routes were altered to take advantage of the less-blocked streets. There was no air-raid shelter near the office, and when the bombers appeared to be directly overhead one could do nothing but stand in the ground-floor passage hoping that the stairs would protect one from the worst of the falling masonry in case of a direct hit. Luckily we were spared that and, except for some of our stocks of publications, stored for safety in the basement of the National Central Library and damaged by water when the upper floors of that building were burnt out, Aslib lost very little through direct war damage. New staff were recruited and we settled down to the long tedium of the war, to the alerts and all clears, and the ever-recurring question, "Is it worth stopping work to go downstairs?"

In the meantime Aslib had resumed full activity. In 1940 work had already been begun on the series of *War-time Guides to Sources of Information*, and in 1941 the Rockefeller Foundation, through the Royal Society, financed a survey of the availability of scientific and technical periodicals published in enemy or enemy-occupied countries which eventually resulted in the formation of the Aslib Microfilm Service established at South Kensington under Mrs. Lucia Moholy. By 1942 the membership which had for long been hovering around 300 began to show a definite increase. Aslib was asked to collaborate in the annotations for the *British Book News*, Aslib's own publication programme had begun to develop, and long before the war ended Aslib's old problem of over-crowding had become more acute than ever. Our kind-hearted landlords, Messrs. H. F. W. Deane & Sons, allowed us to overflow down into their first-floor room but this was a purely temporary measure. In the autumn of 1944 Government support was given through the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, and the editorial section, with Mr. Theodore Besterman as General Editor, moved into premises at 52 Bloomsbury Street. The rest of the office followed early in 1945, though it was expected that the stay would be purely temporary while other premises in Russell Square could be prepared to house both Aslib and the Aslib Microfilm Service. Events turned out otherwise. The immense damage to houses through the flying bombs and rockets led to an embargo on all but the most urgent building programmes. By the time that the Russell Square premises could be reconsidered war damage to them had gone too far. Aslib remained in Bloomsbury Street, thankful to the Ministry of Works for the roof over its head.

Once again the familiar sequence of events took place. First the relief at the space given by two floors, then the gradual filling up of every available corner, the rehabilitation of the basement for office purposes, the transformation of a kitchen-bathroom into the book-keeper's office, the fitting in of a desk here and of a table there. A move was obviously desirable but where could we go? We searched but office property had soared to fantastic prices and was almost impossible to find. Income from the larger membership was offset by the sharp rise in printing and other overhead costs, and an enormous increase in rent could not be contemplated. The staff sighed and packed itself a little tighter into its existing quarters.

By the end of 1948 seventeen staff were crowded into five rooms and an ex-kitchenette. When a committee was held on the premises it meant General Post for the rest of the staff, with seating improvised from bales of publications. The library had long since spread out into the Director's room, which was also occupied by two other members of the staff. From this centre four periodicals were being issued, together with other publications, and a membership of over 1,000 was being serviced.

By the summer of 1949 the position was desperate. Overcrowding had long since passed the stage of mere discomfort and had reached the point when it was actively hampering the work of Aslib. It became obvious that Aslib could not make efficient use of the grant generously administered by the D.S.I.R. unless more suitable offices could be found, and the weary search was intensified. Then, at the eleventh hour, when it seemed as though Aslib was doomed to suffocate itself by its own activities, the miracle happened and suitable premises, at a rent that Aslib could reasonably be expected to pay, became suddenly available. What was even more, a licence to carry out necessary re-decoration was obtained and the promise of telephone facilities secured. Work is now in hand, and it is hoped that this issue of the bulletin will carry with it the official intimation of the date of removal.

Aslib's new home is to be at Church Benefit House, 4 Palace Gate, W.8. It is a somewhat far cry from our usual Bloomsbury setting, and we shall miss the British Museum whose benevolent walls have overlooked our windows for so long. Nevertheless, we shall not be quite out of touch: Gloucester Road and High Street Kensington Underground Stations are within five minutes walk, while there is a constant 'bus service within easy reach. The rooms are lofty and well proportioned, and for the first time we shall have the advantages of central heating, and a spacious entrance hall and stairway. For the first time Aslib's Director should be able to have (and to retain) a room to himself, and the Aslib collection of books and pamphlets can be concentrated into one large room for the convenience of both staff and members. With regard to decorations, we should warn members that neither Aslib nor our future landlords are responsible for some of these, which have a period flavour (early Edwardian) which it is impossible to disguise. Thus the general office activities will be supervised by reproductions of Gainsborough and Romney beauties inset into the panelled walls. The first-floor landing, off which the rest of the Aslib offices open, is painted in the Italian manner, and the new Director will, we hope, derive inspiration from the signs of the Zodiac that decorate his ceiling.

Though, like Moses on Pisgah, I write in the position of one who looks on the promised land rather than of one who will work there, I do of course take a keen interest in this new home of Aslib. It should mark the beginning of Aslib's full maturity as a centre of special-

ized information and documentation. Under the inspiration of new leadership, Aslib should now go forward to fulfil the task which preceding years have gradually defined. Yet, for myself, looking back over my sixteen years with Aslib, I do not unduly envy my successor. The compelling magnet that bound me to Aslib was something that transcended cramped conditions and many other disadvantages. The feeling of a fellowship with others who sought the same goal, an integrity of purpose that made for union in spite of diversity of experience, a belief in the value of our aims: these have always been characteristics of Aslib. The co-operation of members was its mainstay in those early days when Aslib's very existence depended on the continued faith of a few loyal supporters. It is inevitable that personal relationships should have been more closely felt when the organization was small enough to be run as a "one-man show". Therefore, standing now at the parting of the ways, I can wish Aslib godspeed for the future, yet say with all sincerity that I am grateful that it was my lot to share its early struggles.

E. M. R. DITMAS.

Northern Branch

At a meeting of the Northern Branch in the Hornby Library, Liverpool, on 9th December, over which Mr. R. Brightman presided, Mr. S. C. Jennings of the Dunlop Rubber Co., Ltd., gave a paper on the "Organization of Works Visits". Mr. Jennings emphasized the importance of careful thought and planning in the arrangement of such visits, and the need to decide carefully the number which could be taken at one time, and the points of special interest to the proposed party. It was important to prepare a proper time schedule and advise all concerned in plenty of time. The starting point of the visit should be chosen to give the visitors a frame of reference and secure their interest and understanding throughout. The choice of guides was important, and also the point at which explanatory talks were given during the tour. This should have relation to the conditions in the plant, particularly noise. It was also necessary to provide for a rest interval if the tour exceeded an hour or an hour and a half, and at this point it was the practice with his firm to offer a cup of tea and a biscuit, when a short talk might also be given by one of the Sales Officers and an opportunity afforded for asking questions. Mr. Jennings laid considerable stress on the technical explanation of the underlying principles of the processes which the party had seen, the way in which the product was used for the daily life of the community, and the company's future hopes and expectations. This he considered was the climax of the visit and frequently this exposition might be dealt with by a number of experts in succession. If time was insufficient for such elaborate treatment a single lecturer might be used with the experts present to deal with questions.

A number of questions were asked at the end of the paper relating to such matters as transport, choice of guides, the issue of a plan of the route, and the importance of a trial run beforehand to ensure that there were no unforeseen obstacles to the route. Frequently an explanatory booklet was provided.

Mr. Jennings' paper was followed by one from Mr. E. N. Simons, of Messrs. Edgar Allen & Co., Ltd., on "The Preparation of Technical Literature". This was dealt with from the mechanical aspect and Mr. Simons illustrated his paper with numerous demonstrations of the tools, type, etc., used in setting up a manuscript and preparing a technical brochure, including specimens of type and blocks, and devices used for proof reading, and the construction of an index.

The meeting closed with a warm vote of thanks to the speakers and to the City Librarian and the Library's Committee for the use of the room.

Aslib Winter Meetings

Particulars of the meeting on Friday, 6th January, 1950, on "Forms of questionnaires: the effect of drafting on the results obtained" were circulated with the November issue of *Aslib Information*. The speakers will be Mr. Robert E. Silvey of the B.B.C. Listener Research and Mr. D. L. Lamberth of Social Survey, Central Office of Information. The Chairman will be Mr. J. F. Stanley of the British Standards Institution.

Details of the visits to the Intelligence Division of the Headquarters of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research on Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd of February, have also been circulated. Members are reminded that the subject of the meeting on 8th March, 1950, will be the work of the British National Bibliography.

Atomic Energy Commission

The United States Atomic Energy Commission is anxious to learn the names of those libraries and other organizations which would be interested in an exchange agreement. In return for scientific and technical periodicals and documents, the Commission offers its abstract journal, *Nuclear Science Abstracts*, and certain of its non-restricted documents. Inquiries concerning exchanges should be addressed to: U.S. Atomic Energy Commission, P.O. Box E, Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Attention: Library Branch, Document Exchange.

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